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DESCRIPTIVE ABBREVIATIONS

ALS **Autograph Letter Signed**
(all in the hand of the writer)

LS **Letter Signed**
(body of the letter in the hand of a secretary, with signature in the hand of the writer)

TLS **Typed Letter Signed**
(body of the letter typewritten, with signature in the hand of the writer)

DS **Document Signed**

ANS **Autograph Note Signed**

AMQS **Autograph Musical Quotation Signed**

CDV **Carte-de-Visite**

SIZE ABBREVIATIONS *(APPROXIMATE)*

Folio 11 inches by 14 inches or larger

Quarto *(4to)* 8 inches by 10 inches

Octavo *(8vo)* 5 inches by 7 inches

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To conserve space, some images have been ***'cropped'*** to illustrate only the signature and/or relevant text. Please use the dimensions noted in the technical description of each item as a guideline for the approximate size of the original.

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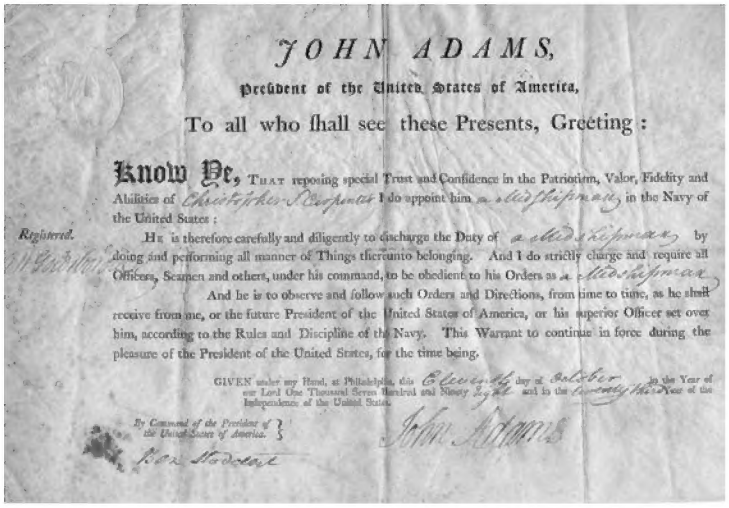


JOHN ADAMS,

President of the United States of America,

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye, That reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and Abilities of Christopher S. Carpenter I do appoint him a Midshipman, in the Navy of the United States:

Registered. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a Midshipman by doing and performing all manner of Things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly charge and require all Officers, Seamen and others, under his command, to be obedient to his Orders as a Midshipman.

And he is to observe and follow such Orders and Directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of America, or his superior Officer set over him, according to the Rules and Discipline of the Navy. This Warrant to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States, for the time being.

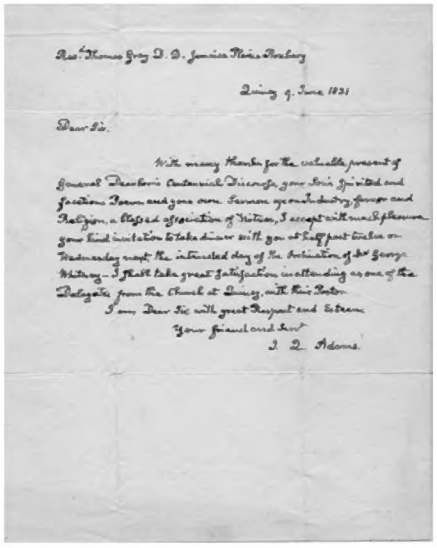
GIVEN under my Hand, at Philadelphia, this Eleventh day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight and in the Twenty third Year of the Independence of the United States.

John Adams

By Command of the President of the United States of America.

Ben Stoddert

1. ADAMS, JOHN. 1735-1826. 2nd President of the U.S. (1797-1801). **RARE DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, approx. 12 1/2 in. x 8 in., dated October 11, 1798, appointing Christopher S. Carpenter a Midshipman in the U.S. Navy. Signed boldly at the lower right *"John Adams"*. Countersigned by **Benjamin Stoddert** (1751-1813), Secretary of the Navy. It was Stoddert who made the U.S. Marine Corps a permanent branch of the Navy that same year. In fine condition. A superb Naval appointment document from Adams, very rare in this form and early date. (#) **$5,950**



Rev. Thomas Gray D. D. Jamaica Plain Roxbury

Quincy 9. June 1831

Dear Sir.

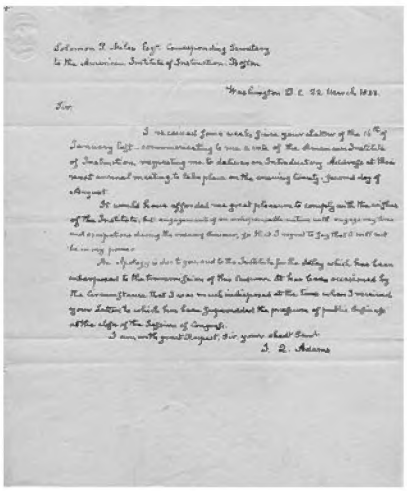
With many thanks for the valuable present of General Dearborn's Centennial Discourse, your Son's Spirited and facetious Poem and your own Sermon upon Industry, fervor and Religion, a blessed Association of Virtues, I accept with much pleasure your kind invitation to take dinner with you at half past twelve on Wednesday next the intended day of the Ordination of Sir George Whitney. I shall take great satisfaction in attending as one of the Delegate's from the Church at Quincy, with their Pastor...

I am, Dear Sir with great Respect and Esteem

Your friend and Servt

J. Q. Adams.

2. ADAMS, JOHN QUINCY. 1767-1848. 6th President of the U.S. (1825-1829). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, One page, Quarto, dated June 9, 1831 from Quincy. Written to the Reverend Thomas Gray of Jamaica Plains. *"With many thanks for the valuable present of General Dearborn's Centennial Discourse, your Son's Spirited and facetious Poem and your own Sermon upon Industry, fervor and religion, a blessed association of Virtues, I accept with much pleasure your kind invitation to take dinner with you at half past twelve on Wednesday next the intended day of the Ordination of Sir George Whitney. I shall take great satisfaction in attending as one of the Delegate's from the Church at Quincy, with their Pastor... J.Q. Adams"*. In very fine condition. (#) **$950**



Solomon P. Miles Esqr. Corresponding Secretary to the American Institute of Instruction. Boston.

Washington D. C. 22 March 1833.

Sir

I received some weeks since your letter of the 16th of January last communicating to me a vote of the American Institute of Instruction requesting me to deliver an Introductory Address at their next annual meeting to take place on the ensuing twenty-second day of August.

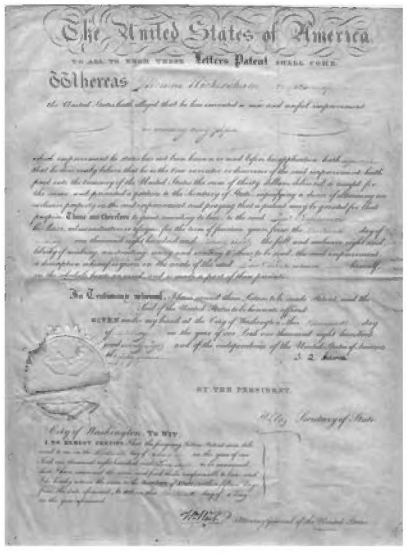
It would have afforded me great pleasure to comply with the wishes of the Institute; but engagements of an indispensable nature will engage my time and occupations during the ensuing Summer, so that I regret to say that it will not be in my power.

An apology is due to you, and to the Institute for the delay which has been interposed to the transmission of this Answer. It has been occasioned by the Circumstance that I was much indisposed at the time when I received your Letter, to which has been superadded the pressure of public business at the close of the Session of Congress.

I am, with great Respect, Sir, your obedt Servt

J. Q. Adams

3. ADAMS, JOHN QUINCY. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, dated March 22, 1833 from Washington D.C. Written to Solomon P. Miles Esq., Corresponding Secretary to the American Institute of Instruction, Boston. Adams pens (in full): *"Sir. I received some weeks since your letter of the 16th of January last communicating to me a vote of the American Institute of Instruction requesting me to deliver an Introductory Address at their next annual meeting to take place on the ensuing twenty-second day of August. It would have afforded me great pleasure to comply with the wishes of the Institute; but engagements of an indispensable nature will engage my time and occupations during the ensuing Summer, so that I regret to say that it will not be in my power. An apology is due to you, and to the Institute for the delay which has been interposed to the transmission of this Answer. It has been occasioned by the Circumstance that I was much indisposed at the time when I received your Letter, to which has been superadded the pressure of public business at the close of the Session of Congress. I am with great Respect, Sir, your obedt Servt, J.Q. Adams"*. In fine condition. (#) **$1,500**



The United States of America

To all to whom these Letters Patent shall come

Whereas

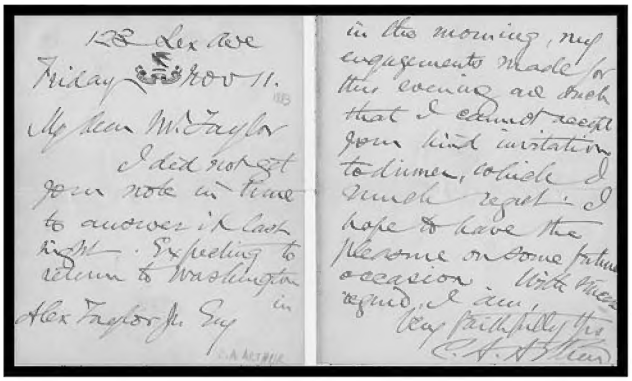
J. Q. Adams

Henry Clay

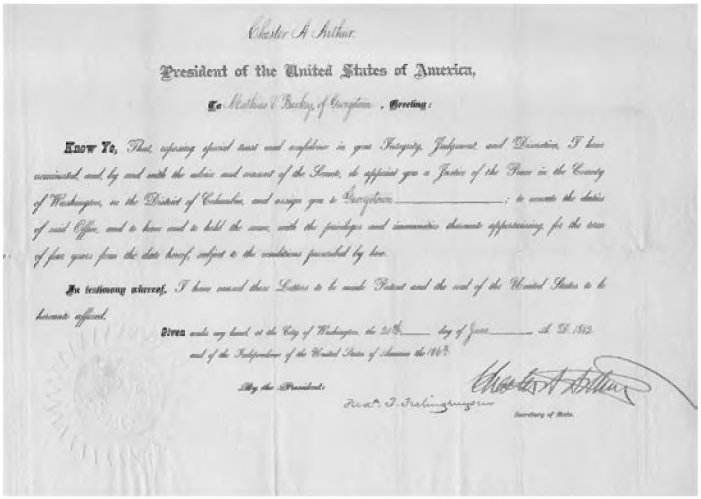
Secretary of State

"An improvement in making clay pipes"

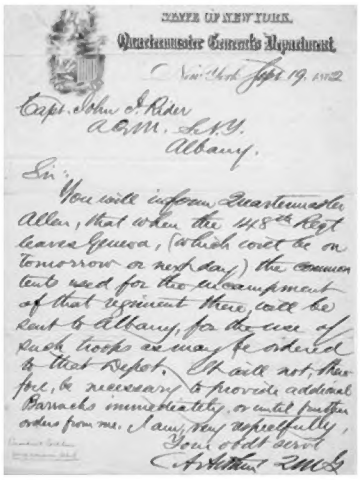
4. ADAMS, JOHN QUINCY. PATENT DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, 11 in. x 15 in., dated May 13, 1828, being a Letters Patent for Thomas Wickersham, who has *"alleged that he has invented a new and useful improvement in making clay pipes"*. Signed *"J.Q. Adams"* at the lower right, and countersigned by Secretary of State **Henry Clay**, and also by Attorney General William Wirt. In fine condition. (#) **$1,500**



5. ARTHUR, CHESTER A. 1830-1886. 21st President of the U.S. (1881-1885). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, Two pages, Octavo, dated November 11, 1883, on black-bordered mourning stationary. [Nearly four years prior, Arthur's wife Nell had passed away after contracting pneumonia; Arthur had been away on business, and was not able to return in to see his wife conscious before her death. He remained stricken with grief for the rest of his life, and during his tenure in the White House, had fresh flowers placed before her portrait daily.] Written to Alex Taylor Jr., Arthur writes (in full): *"My Dear Mr. Taylor, I did not get your note in time to answer it last night. Expecting to return to Washington in the morning, my engagements made for this evening are such that I cannot accept your kind invitation to dinner, which I much regret. I hope to have the pleasure on some future occasion. With sincere regard, I am, Very faithfully yours, C.A. Arthur"*. In fine condition. (#) **$2,950**



6. ARTHUR, CHESTER A. EXCEPTIONAL DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 18 1/2 in. x 13 1/2 in., dated June 20, 1882, appointing Mathias V. Buckey of Georgetown to be Justice of the Peace for the District of Columbia. Signed at the lower right *"Chester A. Arthur"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State Frederick T. Frelinghuysen. Tipped to another leaf. In very fine condition, with intact white wafer seal at the lower left. Arthur's signature is absolutely pristine. (#) **$595**

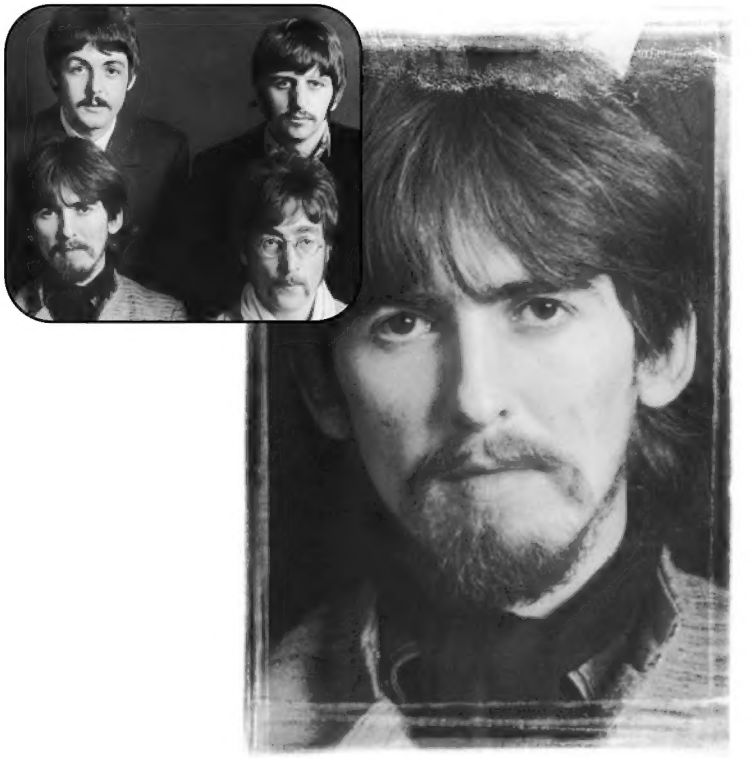


Future President Chester Arthur oversees the quartering of newly recruited regiments during the Civil War

7. ARTHUR, CHESTER A. RARE CIVIL WAR-DATE AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, on *"State of New York, Quartermaster General's Department"* letterhead stationery, dated September 19, 1862. Written to Capt. John. J. Rider, Assist. Q.M. at Albany.

> *"Sir: You will inform Quartermaster Allan, that when the 148th Regt leaves Geneva, (which will be on tomorrow or next day) the common tents used for the encampment of that regiment there will be sent to Albany, for the use of such troops as may be ordered to that Depot. It will not, therefore, be necessary to provide additional Barracks immediately or until further orders from me. I am, very respectfully, Your obdt servt C.A. Arthur QMG"*

The 148th New York Volunteer Infantry was mustered into service on Sept. 14, 1862, just five days before the date of this letter. The regiment saw most of its combat from 1864 through the end of the war, participating in Gen. B.F. Butler's assault on Petersburg and Richmond via the James River (Battles of Bermuda Hundred and Drewry's Bluff most notable), then joined the Army of the Potomac for the Battle of Cold Harbor, and was present in nearly every major engagement up to and including the final skirmish around Appomattox Court House. Civil War-date letters from future President Chester Arthur are exceedingly rare; this one, in absolutely mint condition with large bold text and signature, is especially desirable. (#) **$1,500**

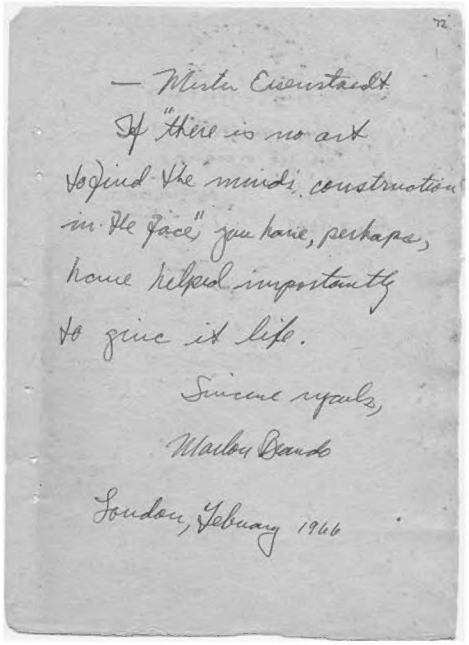


The signatures of all four Beatles!

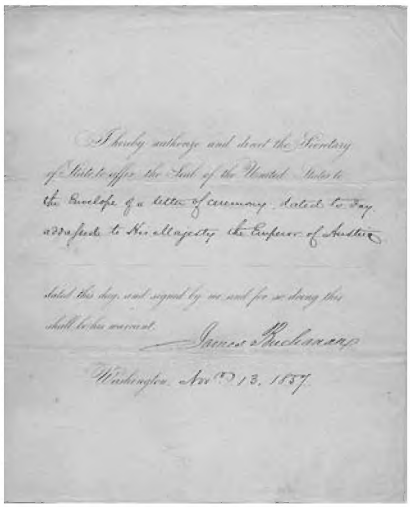
8. BEATLES, THE. VINTAGE ALBUM LEAVES SIGNED BY ALL FOUR BAND MEMBERS, each 6 in. x 4 in., one pink and one yellow toned. The yellow leaf is inscribed *"love to Evelyn John Lennon", "Love from Ringo* Starr", and signed by road manager Neil Aspinall. The pink leaf is inscribed, *"To Evelyn love from George Harrison",* and *"Beatles. Love from Paul McCartney"*. Tape residue/staining on each leaf; otherwise, in fine condition. These signatures were authenticated by Neil Aspinall himself in our Beverly Hills offices. (#22350) **$5,950**

"God Bless America"

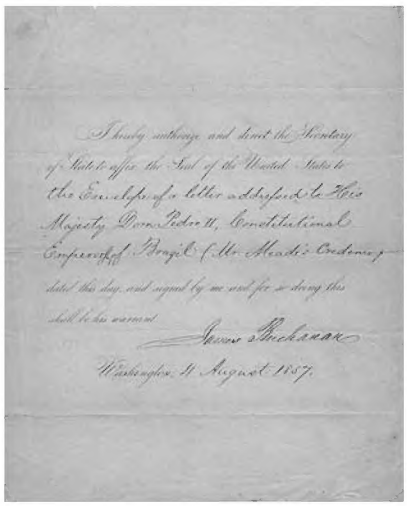
9. BERLIN, IRVING AND KATE SMITH. 1888-1989 & 1907-1986. Music composer and radio singer, resp. **SIGNED "GOD BLESS AMERICA" SHEET MUSIC**, Six pages, 9 in. x 12 in., signed on the cover in black ink *"Irving Berlin"* and *"Kate Smith"*, directly in the center. "God Bless America", written by Berlin in 1939, is one of his most famous compositions and is frequently suggested as the National Anthem, to replace Francis Scott Key's "Star-Spangled Banner", which is much harder to sing. "God Bless America" was first sung by Kate Smith, the "First Lady of Radio" on Armistice Day, November 11, 1938. Pages are separated from binding, but easily repaired; on the whole, in fine condition with dark signatures. (#22060) **$3,950**



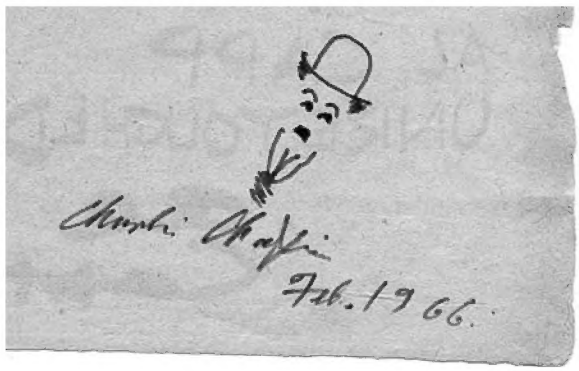
10. BRANDO, MARLON. b. 1924. American film actor. **SUPERB AUTOGRAPH STATEMENT SIGNED**, penned on a single Quarto leaf, in black ink, to *Life* magazine photojournalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt**: *"Mister Eisenstadt, If 'there is no art to find the mind's construction in the face', you have, perhaps, have helped importantly to give it life. Sincere regards, Marlon Brando. London, February 1966"*. Some soiling, and original binding holes along left edge; overall in very good condition. (#) **$1,500**

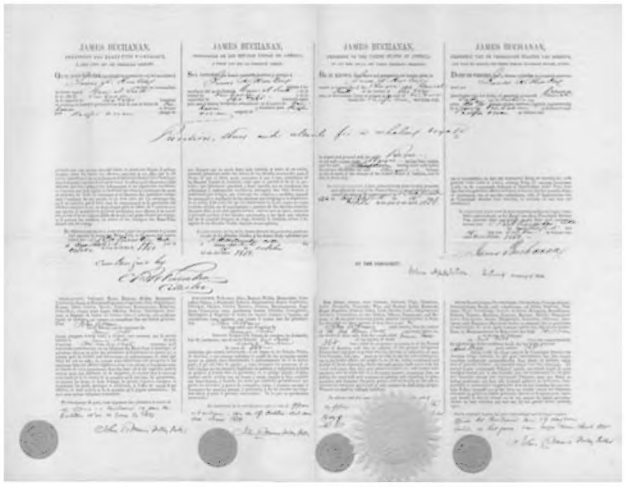


11. BUCHANAN, JAMES. 1791-1868. 15th President of the U.S. (1857-1861). **LETTER OF STATE SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, dated November 13, 1857. *"I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the Seal of the United States to the Envelope of a letter of ceremony, dated to day, addressed to His Majesty the Emperor of Austria"*. Signed prominently *"James Buchanan"* at the close. In fine condition. (#) **$495**

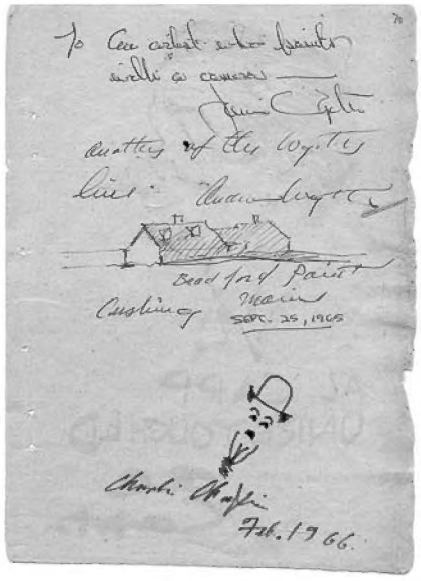


12. BUCHANAN, JAMES. LETTER OF STATE SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, dated August 4, 1857 from Washington. *"I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the Seal of the United States to the Envelope of a letter addressed to His Majesty Don Pedro II, Constitutional Emperor of Brazil (Mr. Meade's Credence) dated this day and signed by me: and for so doing this shall be his warrant."* Signed boldly *"James Buchanan"* at the close. In fine condition. (#) **$595**



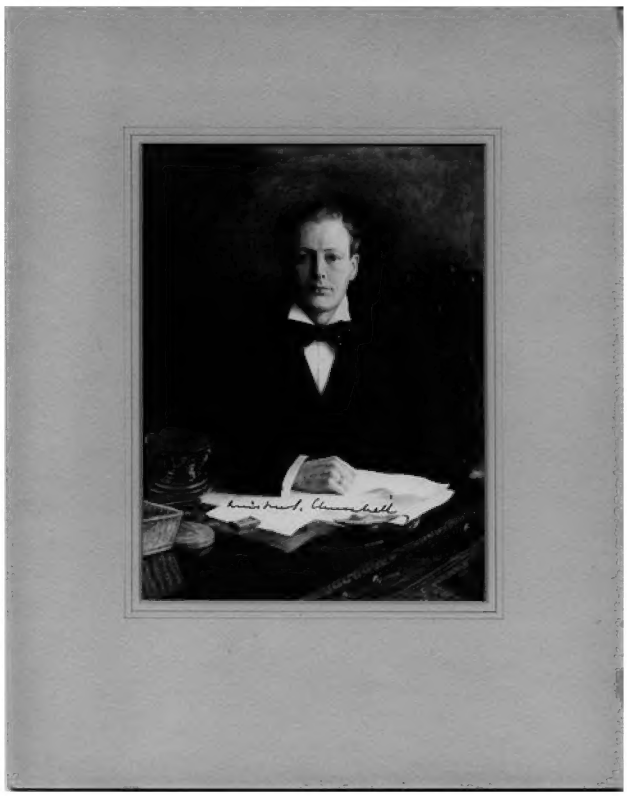


13. BUCHANAN, JAMES. WHALING DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Folio (approx. 21 5/8 in. x 16 5/8 in.), dated October 19, 1858. The document, a **Four Language Ships' Papers**, grants permission and leave to James R. Hunting, Master or Commander of the Barque *General Scott* bound for Pacific Ocean, laden with Provisions, stores and utensils for a whaling voyage. The document is printed in four languages: English, Dutch, French and Spanish. Ships' papers were required of all ships leaving American ports, and contained information on the cargoes of America's schooners, four-masters, and other sailing vessels. Countersigned by acting Secretary of State **John Appleton**. Intact white wafer Presidential seal affixed to bottom center right and seal of Notary Public, John Hawes, is prominently affixed to the bottom of every language column. The document is archivally hinged to another leaf (easily removed). In absolutely pristine condition. The signature of Buchanan is exceptional. (#) **$2,500**



14. CHAPLIN, CHARLIE. 1889-1977. British actor, director and producer. **SELF-DRAWN CARICATURE SIGNED**, penned in blue ink on a single Quarto leaf, *"Charlie Chaplin, Feb. 1966"*, above which he has sketched an image of his beloved film character, *"The Tramp"*. A number of additional signatures are written on the same leaf, and the verso bears a signed self-caricature by cartoonist **Al Capp**. This caricature (and associated signatures from others) were written/drawn for *Life* magazine photojournalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt**. Original binding holes along left edge; overall, in fine condition. (#) **$1,950**

15. CHARLES AND DIANA. British royalty. **EXCEPTIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD SIGNED BY BOTH**, approx. 6 in. x 8 in. bi-fold, with royal crests embossed in gold on the front. Inside b/w photo is of their two sons, Princes William and Henry, posing for the camera. The card reads, "With all Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year". Inscribed by Charles in black ink, *"To Jonathan", "from Charles and"*, and Diana in matching ink, *"Diana"*. Some paper scuffing/surface tears to the front of the card; overall, in very fine condition. (#21745) **$3,950**

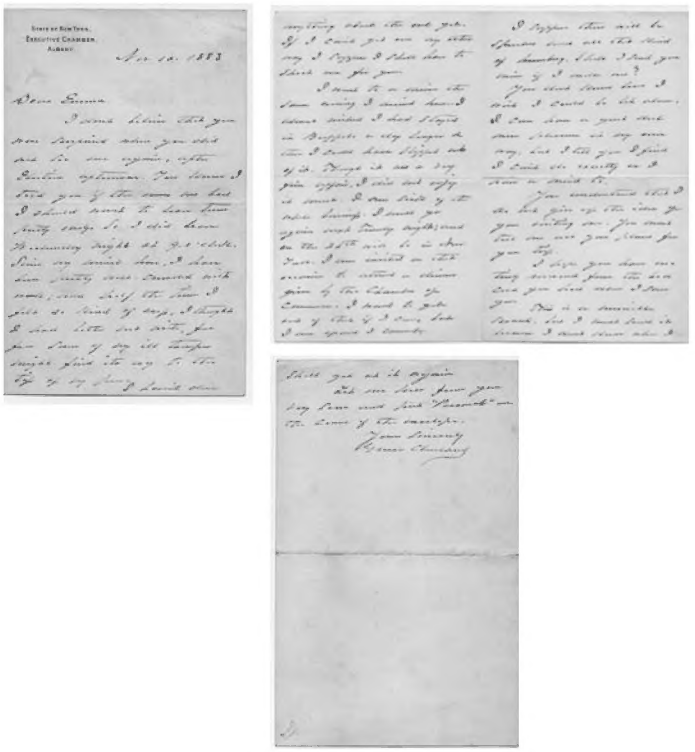


16. CHURCHILL, WINSTON S. 1874-1965. British political leader, statesman and author. **DASHING SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, the image measuring 6 in. x 8 in. (mounted to photographer's matting to overall 10 1/2 in. x 14 in.), is black and white, being a photograph of an early painting of Churchill wearing a suit and a bow tie. Signed on the image in black ink, *"Winston S. Churchill"* on a group of papers spread out over his desk. A confidence-inspiring image of the young statesman, who would go on to guide his country through the darkest days of World War II and emerge as one of the greatest leaders of our time. In very fine condition. (#21715) **$5,950**

17. CLEVELAND, GROVER. 1837-1908. 22nd (1885-1889) & 24th President (1893-1897) of the U.S. **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, approx. 14 in. x 18 in., on vellum, dated February 26, 1897, appointing James R. Truon to the post of *"Medical Director in the Navy with the relative rank of Captain"*. Signed at the lower right, *"Grover Cleveland"*, and countersigned by Secretary of the Navy Hilary A. Herbert. In fine condition, with intact blue Navy Department seal at the foot. Signed documents from Cleveland's second term are rare! (#) **$950**

18. CLEVELAND, GROVER AND FRANCES. PAIR OF IMPERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS SIGNED AS PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY. The first is a 7 1/4 in. x 13 in., b/w, head and shoulders image of the President, signed in the lower margin *"Grover Cleveland, May 2, 1893"*. The second is 7 1/4 in. x 11 in. b/w vignette image of the First Lady, inscribed boldly in black ink on the image, *"For Dr. & Mrs. Smith from Frances F. Cleveland May 1893"*. Each of these are the classic, easily-recognizable and most popular images of the President and First Lady, seen in many different publications over the ensuing 100+ years since they were taken. Both in near mint condition. A fantastic pair of signed photographs!! (#22765) **$1,500**

Writing to his future mother-in-law (!), Governor Cleveland confides that he is weary of politics, though in less than a year later he will be chosen the Democratic candidate for President



19. CLEVELAND, GROVER. EXCEPTIONAL AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, Four pages, Octavo, on *"State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany"* official letterhead stationery, dated November 10, 1883. The letter is written to Mrs. **Emma Folsom**, the mother of his future bride, Frances. At this time, Frances was a student at Wells College, and although the Governor and she had known each other for her entire life (Cleveland and her father Oscar Folsom had been law partners), their romantic interest in each other was just starting to form. After the death of her father, Cleveland maintained a close bond with Emma and Frances, and assumed a guardianship role over the young girl. Cleveland pens (in full):

"Dear Emma,

I don't believe that you were surprised when you did not see me again, after Election afternoon. You know I told you if the news was bad I should want to leave town pretty early. So I did leave Wednesday night at 9. o'clock. Since my arrival here, I have been pretty well crowded with work; and half the time I felt so kind of cross, I thought I had a better not write, for fear some of my ill temper might find its way to the top of my pen.

I haven't done anything about the owl yet. If I can't get one any other way I suppose I shall have to shoot one for you.

I went to a dinner the same evening I arrived here. I almost wished I had stayed in Buffalo a day longer & then I could have slipped out of it. Though it was a very fine affair, I did not enjoy it much. I am sick of the whole business. I must go again next Tuesday night; and on the 26th will be in New York. I am invited on that occasion to attend a dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce. I want to get out of this if I can, but I am afraid I cannot.

I suppose there will be speeches and all that kind of humbug. Shall I send you one if I make one?

You don't know how I wish I could be let alone. I can have a great deal more pleasure in my own way, but I tell you I find I can't do exactly as I have a mind to.

You understand that I do not give up the idea of you visiting me. You must tell me all your plans for your trip.

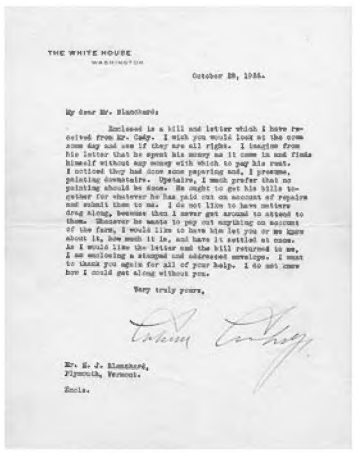
I hope you have entirely recovered from the bad cold you had when I saw you.

This is a miserable scrawl, but I must send it because I don't know when I shall get at it again.

Let me hear from you very soon and mark 'Personal' on the cover of the envelope.

Yours sincerely
Grover Cleveland"

A wonderful letter from Cleveland in which he reveals his weariness with politics and his desire to *"be let alone."* This letter was written while governor of New York, almost exactly a year before he was elected President of the United States. Nearly every word reflects his desire to get away from active participation in politics, probably due to the fact that the autumn campaign had just ended and he was no doubt physically exhausted. Wonderful associations between the future President and his future mother-in-law! In fine condition. (#) **$2,950**



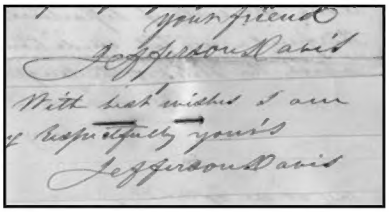
20. COOLIDGE, CALVIN. 30th President of the U.S. (1923-1929). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated October 28, 1926. Written to E.J. Blanchard of Plymouth, Vermont. *"My dear Mr. Blanchard: Enclosed is a bill and letter which I have received from Mr. Cady. I wish you would look at the cows some day and see if they are all right. I imagine from his letter that he spent his money as it came in and finds himself without any money with which to pay his rent. I noticed they had done some papering and, I presume, painting downstairs. Upstairs, I much prefer that no painting should be done. He ought to get his bills together for whatever he has paid out on account of repairs and submit them to me. I do not like to have matters drag along, because then I never get around to attend to them. Whenever he wants to pay out anything on account of the farm, I would like to have him let you or me know about it, how much it is, and have it settled at once. As I would like the letter and the bill returned to me, I am enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope. I want to thank you again for all of your help. I do not know how I could get along without you. Very truly yours, Calvin Coolidge".* Nice content from Coolidge, who kept close ties with his native Plymouth during his tenure in Washington. A superb Presidential letter, in very fine condition. **$495**

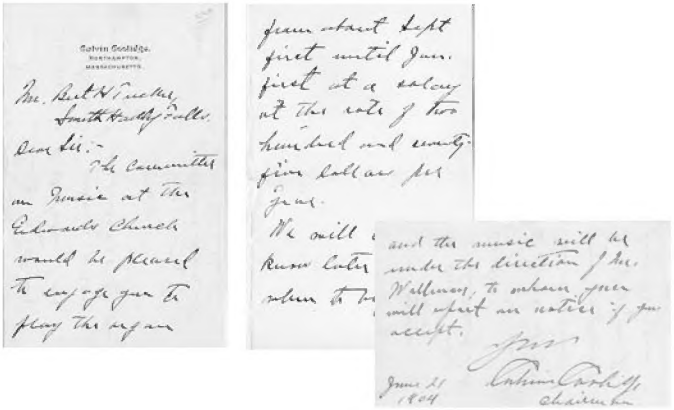
Apologizing for his *"zeal"*, former President Jefferson Davis dissolves into an impassioned discourse in defense of the principles of the Confederacy

23. DAVIS, JEFFERSON. 1808-1889. President of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. **EXCEPTIONAL AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED** in full *"Jefferson Davis"* — with an **ADDITIONAL FULL SIGNATURE** and **HANDWRITTEN SENTIMENT** tipped to the last page of the letter (*"With best wishes I am very respectfully your's, Jefferson Davis"*) — Four pages, Octavo, dated February 27, 1872 from Memphis. Written to a Mrs. Ayres, and marked *"Private"* at the head. Davis pens (in very brief part):

> *"For your defense of our cause in your interview with Genl. Baker I am deeply sensible. Pity it is that its advocates are so few and its enemies so many. I have prayerfully waited for the reason to perceive, and the patriotism to assert, on the part of the people those great principles of state rights and constitutional compact, which the founders of the Union set as safe guards to liberty, fraternity and happiness among their posterity. Those who could not foresee, might by retrospect leave the evils of departure from the fundamental conditions on which the states of the Confederation entered into a 'more perfect Union.'"*

In the 1990 edition of Davis' memoirs, historian James McPherson opens the Foreword, *"History has not been kind to Jefferson Davis"*. And so it was with Davis' contemporaries, as witnessed by the present letter. Although it is unclear what statements from *'Mr. Stone'* so angered the former President, rumors and other false accusations concerning his actions – both as Chief Executive of the Confederacy and as war refugee – circulated in the press for the rest of his life, and were one of the driving forces behind the publication of his memoirs in 1881, The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government. A wonderful, wide-ranging ALS from Davis discussing his flight from Richmond after the war, the location and disposition of such Civil War relics as battle cannon and Confederate state flags, and the dearly-held convictions which led to the Southern people's secession from the Northern states in order to form a *"more perfect union"*. Minor separation at fold; o/w in fine condition. Worthy of inclusion in the finest collections of Civil War manuscripts. Interested collectors please call for a full transcription of this great letter. (#) **$12,500**





21. COOLIDGE, CALVIN. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, Three pages, Octavo, on personal letterhead stationery, dated June 21, 1904 from Northampton, Massachusetts. *"Mr. Bert H. Tucker, South Valley Falls. Dear Sir: The Committee on Music at the Edwards Church would be pleased to engage you to play the organ from about Sept. first until Jan. first at a salary at the rate of two hundred and seventy five dollars per year. We will let you know later just when to begin and the music will be under the direction of Mr. Willman, to report and notice if you accept. Yours, Calvin Coolidge, Chairman"*. In fine condition. Coolidge is uncommon in full handwritten letters. (#) **$950**

22. COOLIDGE, CALVIN. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 19 in. x 17 in., dated September 18, 1928, recognizing Jorge Leguia Ross as Consul of Peru at Portland, Oregon. Signed at the lower right, *"Calvin Coolidge"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State Francis B. Kellogg. Tipped to another leaf. Usual creases; overall, in fine condition with intact white paper Presidential seal at the lower left. (#) **$295**

'And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us every one!'

24. DICKENS, CHARLES. 1812-1870. English novelist. **RARE AUTOGRAPH QUOTATION SIGNED**, penned on a single Octavo leaf printed at the head "Gad's Hill Place, Higham by Rochester, Kent". Quoting the last line of his most memorable work, A Christmas Carol, Dickens pens in blue ink:

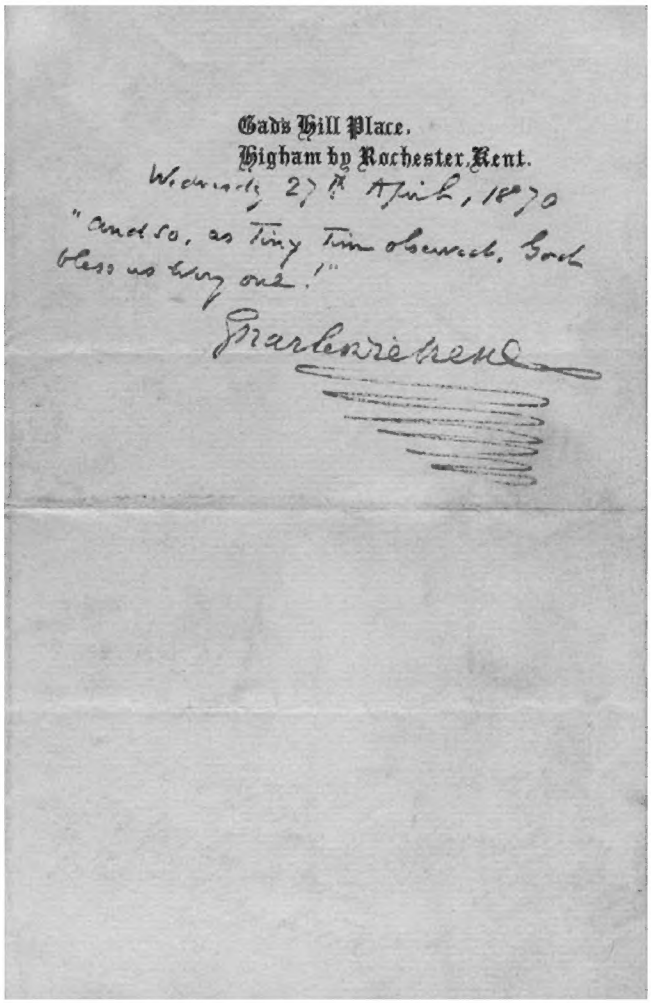
"Wednesday 27th April, 1870

'And so, as Tiny Tim observed,
God bless us every one!'

Charles Dickens"

Dickens classic Christmas tale is the story of the conversion of Scrooge, "a gasping old sinner," after seeing his past, present and future life exposed by each "Christmas Ghost" of the same epoch. Becoming benevolent and cheerful after this revelation, Scrooge embraces the Christmas spirit, loving all and by all beloved. Although Dickens wrote the story partly for the income it would bring, he said afterwards that he laughed and cried over it as he did over no other story.

A very desirable Dickens autograph, signed with his distinctive spiral paraph. In fine condition. (#) **$39,500**

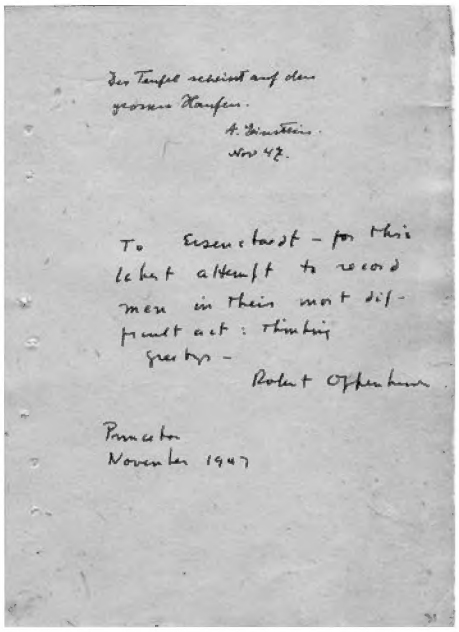


25. DIETRICH, MARLENE. 1901-1992. German-born film actress. **STUNNING VINTAGE OVERSIZE PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED**, approx. 11 in. x 14 in. sepia-tone three-quarters length satin-finished portrait of the enigmatic German-born actress shown wearing an overcoat, gloves and trademark hat perched at an angle. Inscribed (on the image) in white ink, *"To Dorothy with many thanks! Sincerely Marlene Dietrich"*. Vintage photographs of this size and quality signed by Dietrich are extremely difficult to obtain. In excellent condition. (#23195) **$1,500**

26. DISNEY, WALT. 1901-1966. American producer, executive and animator. **HANDWRITTEN INSCRIPTION AND SENTIMENT SIGNED**, penned on a single Octavo leaf, in bold black ink with large sweeping strokes, to *Life* magazine photojournalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt**: *"To Eisenstadt, Admiration & Best Wishes, Walt Disney"*. An absolutely gorgeous example, in mint condition. Perfect for framing. **$2,500**

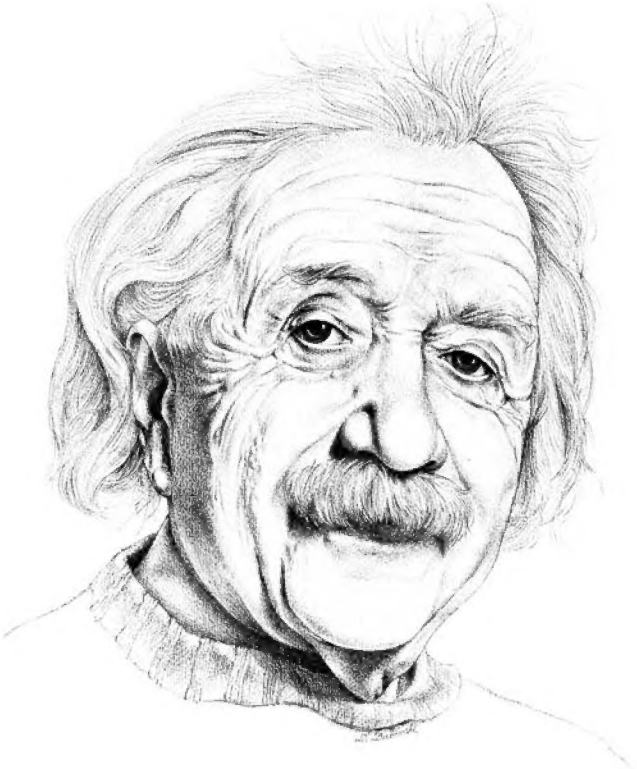
Fantastic Photograph of Amelia Earhart Signed the Year of Her Disappearance!

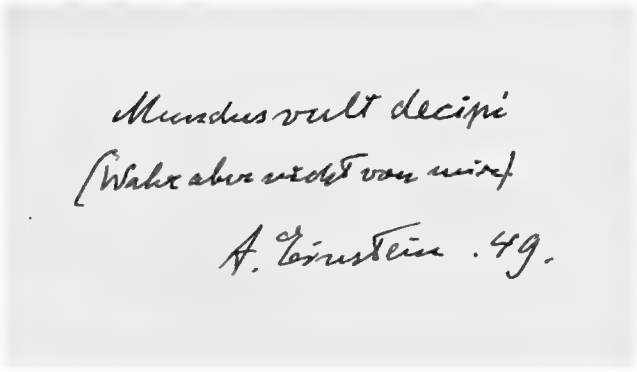
27. EARHART, AMELIA. 1897-1937. American aviatrix. **SUPERB VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED AND DATED**, approx. 7 3/4 in. x 9 3/4 in., an elegant sepia-tone head & shoulders portrait of the flyer wearing an overcoat and scarf (stamp of photographer Ben Pichot, N.Y. on verso). In black fountain pen, Earhart has penned, *"Amelia Earhart 1937"*. Since 1928 Earhart had broken numerous records in aviation. In 1937, while making her second attempt at the first 29,000-mile around-the-world flight, her Lockheed Electra twin-engine aircraft went off course on a flight from Lae, New Guinea to Howland Island. Despite a massive search effort, her plane was never recovered. It was just 23 days before her fortieth birthday. Earhart had said that death was part of her "high risk" profession: "When I go, I would like to go in my plane. Quickly." A wonderful signed image; perfectly suited for display. In excellent condition. (#23179) **$5,950**



Words of Wisdom from Albert Einstein:
"The Devil doesn't give a shit about the big crowd"

28. EINSTEIN, ALBERT AND ROBERT OPPENHEIMER. DUAL AUTOGRAPH QUOTATIONS SIGNED, penned on a single Quarto leaf, to *Life* magazine photojournalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt**. Einstein pens (in German, translated): *"The Devil doesn't give a shit about the big crowd. A. Einstein, Nov. '47"*. Just beneath, famed nuclear physicist and Manhattan Project leader Robert Oppenheimer writes: *"To Eisenstaedt – for this latest attempt to record men in their most difficult act: Thinking. Greetings – Robert Oppenheimer, Princeton, November 1947."* A fantastic pairing of these two great minds – with surprisingly diverse quotes! – on a single leaf. In fine condition, with original binder holes along the left edge. (#) **$9,500**

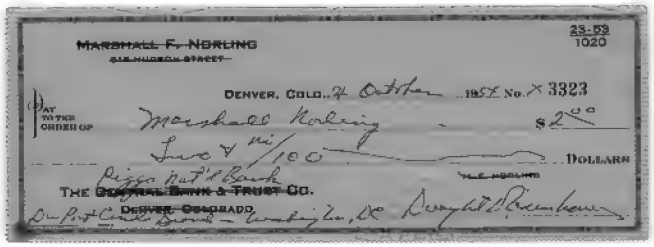




"The world wants to be deceived"

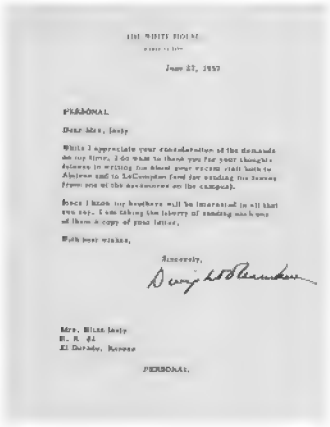
29. EINSTEIN, ALBERT. AUTOGRAPH QUOTATION SIGNED, penned on a single Quarto leaf, in black ink, written to *Life* magazine photo-journalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt** (translated from Latin and German): *"Mundus Vult Decipi* – [The world wants to be deceived] *[True but not from me]. A. Einstein '49"*. Another, unidentified signature is just beneath. A wonderful expression in Latin from the always surprising Albert Einstein. In fine condition. (#) **$3,500**

30. EINSTEIN, ALBERT. SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH, approx. 2 1/2 in. x 3 1/2 in., black and white, of the physicist shown sitting outdoors and smoking a pipe. Tipped to a larger leaf, approx. 3 1/2 in. x 5 1/2 in., on which Einstein has inscribed *"To one Mrs. Hibbs Albert Einstein 1942."*. Minor age toning; on the whole, in fine condition. An unusual image of Einstein. (#22888) **$1,500**



A golfer's debt of honor!

31. EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D. 1890-1969. 34th President of the U.S. (1953-1961). **SIGNED BANK CHECK AS PRESIDENT**, October 4, 1954, in the amount $2.00, written to Marshall F. Norling, a golfing buddy who had won a two-dollar bet with the President. On the day he won the bet, Norling, pleased at the prospect of a souvenir, politely asked the President to "pay up". Eisenhower sheepishly admitted that he didn't have a check, and indeed, even a checking account – he had stopped writing checks some years before, as people would keep them as autograph treasures and never cash them, rendering it impossible for Eisenhower to keep an accurate accounting. Aides wrote checks for him as a stop-gap measure. Undaunted, Norling brought one of his own checks to the Clubhouse, crossed out his personal information, and asked Eisenhower to supplant his personal banking info and sign the check. Hence, Eisenhower held up his end of the bargain! Fine condition, with a wonderful history. (#) **$9,500**


THE WHITE HOUSE
June 27, 1957
PERSONAL
Dear Mrs. Isely
While I appreciate your consideration of the demands on my time, I do want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me about your recent visit both to Abilene and to LeCompton (and for sending me leaves from one of the sycamores on the campus).
Since I know my brothers will be interested in all that you say, I am taking the liberty of sending each one of them a copy of your letter.
With best wishes,
Sincerely,
Mrs. Bliss Isely
R. R. #1
El Dorado, Kansas
PERSONAL

32. EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated June 27, 1957. Written to Mrs. Bliss Isely of El Dorado, Kansas, and marked "PERSONAL". Includes the original transmittal envelope. *"While I appreciate your consideration of the demands on my time, I do want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me about your recent visit both to Abilene and to LeCompton (and for sending me leaves from one of the sycamores on the campus). Since I know my brothers will be interested in all that you say, I am taking the liberty of sending each one of them a copy of your letter."* Signed boldly in black ink at the close. In very fine condition. (#) **$395**

May 15, 1957

Dear Mrs. Ogburn:

The coincidence of names related in your letter had not struck me before. I doubt, too, that Field Marshal Montgomery had thought of it, despite the fact that he is a far more avid student that I of the other Norman invasion. At any rate I am sending him a copy of your interesting note.

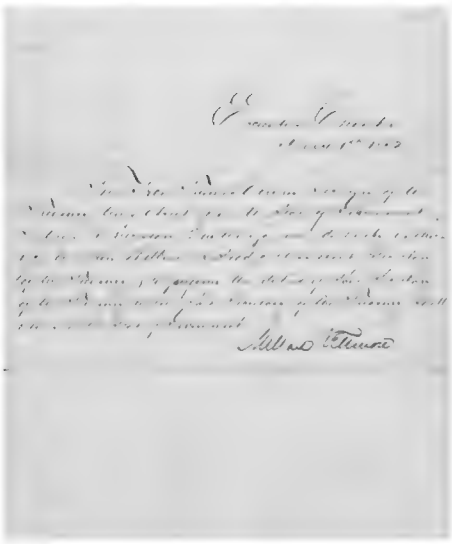
With many thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

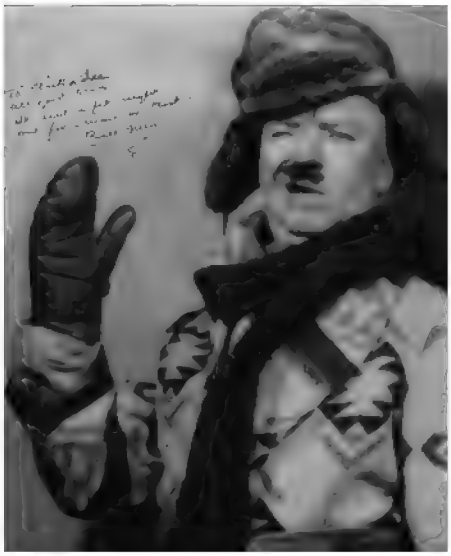
Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mrs. Charlton Ogburn
31 Washington Square
New York 11, N. Y.

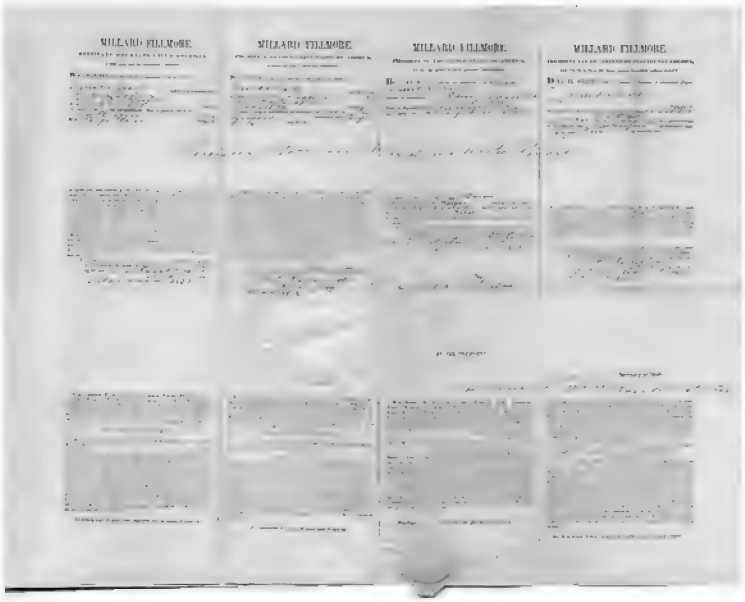
33. EISENHOWER, DWIGHT D. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House stationery, dated May 15, 1957. Written to Mrs. Charlton Ogburn, Eisenhower writes (in full): *"Dear Mrs. Ogburn: The coincidence of names related in your letter had not struck me before. I doubt, too, that Field Marshal Montgomery had thought of it, despite the fact that he is a far more avid student that I of the other Norman invasion. At any rate I am sending him a copy of your interesting note. With many thanks and best wishes, Sincerely, Dwight D. Eisenhower"*. Very nice association between Eisenhower, Montgomery, and the invasion(s) of Normandy. In very fine condition. (#) **$695**



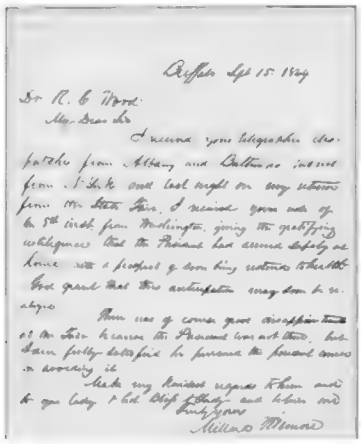
35. FILLMORE, MILLARD. 1800-1874. 13th President of the U.S. (1850-1853). **MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, dated March 1, 1852. *"The Hon. Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury, being absent from the Seat of Government, I deem it necessary to authorize, and do hereby authorize, the Hon. William S. Hodge (Assistant Secretary of the Treasury) to perform the duties of said Secretary of the Treasury until said Secretary of the Treasury shall return to the Seat of Government. Millard Fillmore"*. In very fine condition. The signature is exceptional. (#) **$595**



34. FIELDS, W.C. 1880-1946. American comedic film actor. **OVERSIZED VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED**, approx. 8 7/8 in. x 11 3/8 in., a humorous sepia-tone portrait of the legendary comic wearing cold weather gear including mittens, scarf, fur hat and false moustache. Inscribed in ink at the upper left, *"To Chick a dee all good wishes. It ain't a fit night out for man or beast- Bill Fields"*. Another hand has traced over the letters "k a dee" in "Chick a dee" and minor scuff on emulsion at bottom; otherwise, in fine condition. A quintessential Fields image! (#23183) **$1,200**



36. FILLMORE, MILLARD. WHALING DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Folio (approx. 20 3/4 in. x 16 1/4 in.), dated May 31, 1852. The document, a **Four Language Ships' Papers**, grants permission and leave to Orrick Smally, Master or Commander of the Barque *Isabella* bound for Pacific Ocean, laden with Provisions, Stores and Utensils for a Whaling Voyage. The document is printed in four languages: English, Dutch, French and Spanish. Ships' papers were required of all ships leaving American ports, and contained information on the cargoes of America's schooners, four-masters, and other sailing vessels. Countersigned by Secretary of State **Daniel Webster**. Intact white wafer Presidential seal affixed to center left. The document is archivally hinged to another leaf (easily removed). In mint condition. (#) **$1,950**



Just six months into the new administration, Former President Millard Fillmore shows concern for the health and well-being of the newest Chief Executive, Ulysses S. Grant

37. FILLMORE, MILLARD. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, dated September 15, 1869 from Buffalo. Written to Dr. R.C. Wood. Fillmore pens (in full):

"Dr. R.C. Wood
My Dear Sir,

I received your telegraphic dispatches from Albany and Baltimore, but not from N. York and last night on my return from the State Fair, I received your note of the 8th inst from Washington, giving the gratifying intelligence that the President **[Ulysses S. Grant]** *had arrived safely at home, with a prospect of soon being restored to health. God grant that this anticipation may soon be realized.*

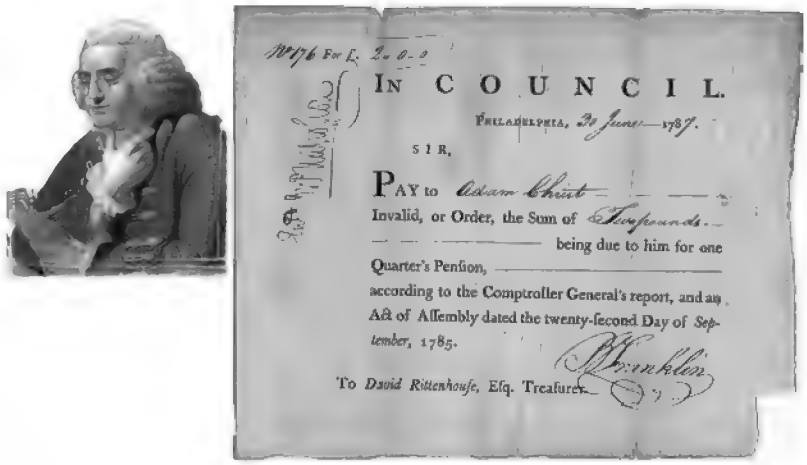
There was of course great disappointment at the Fair because the President was not there, but I am fully satisfied he pursued the prudent course in avoiding it.

Make my kindest regards to him and to your lady & Col. Bliss & lady and believe me

Truly yours

Millard Fillmore"

It is unclear what ailment prevented Grant from attending the New York State Fair. However, this wonderful letter shows a kinship of concern for one President towards another. Tipped to a larger leaf; on the whole, in very fine condition with bright text and signature. (#) **$2,500**


IN COUNCIL.
PHILADELPHIA, 30 June 1787.
SIR,
PAY to Adam Christ
Invalid, or Order, the Sum of Two pounds
being due to him for one Quarter's Pension,
according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the twenty-second Day of September, 1785.
To David Rittenhouse, Esq. Treasurer.

Rare Benjamin Franklin signed pension document, most likely for a Revolutionary War soldier

39. FRANKLIN, BENJAMIN. 1706-1790. American statesman, philosopher, author, inventor, printer and scientist. Sometimes considered "the wisest American". **RARE FINANCIAL DOCUMENT SIGNED** with **ADDITIONAL HANDWRITTEN TEXT**, One page, approx. 8 in. x 6 in., dated June 30, 1787, authorizing a pension payment of £2 to Adam Christ — most certainly a Pennsylvania soldier who fought in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The document reads (in full; Franklin's handwritten text in **bold**):

"In Council, Philadelphia, ***30 June****, 1787*

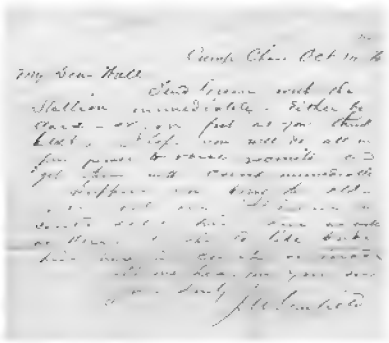
Pay to ***Adam Christ****, Invalid, or Order, the Sum of* ***Two Pounds*** *being due him for one Quarter's Pension, according to the Comptroller General's report, and an Act of Assembly dated the twenty-second Day of September, 1785"*

Signed boldly at the lower right, *"B Franklin"* with ornate paraph. The document is also endorsed by Jonathan Nicholson, Comptroller General of Pennsylvania and a financial partner of Signer Robert Morris. Although the nature of his pension is not known, this type of state aid was given primarily to soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War; Christ may have been a foot soldier in the Pennsylvania Militia or the regular Continental Army. Minor paper loss at lower right corner due to original cancellation mark, and some minor soiling; on the whole, in fine condition with a gorgeous dark signature. Financial documents signed by Franklin are very uncommon; this pension authorization, with such intriguing associations, is especially desirable. (#22972) **$12,500**

The Discoverer of Penicillin

38. FLEMING, ALEXANDER, SIR. 1881-1955. British bacteriologist. **EXCEPTIONAL OVERSIZE PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED**, 10 3/4 in. x 13 3/4 in. (matted to 14 1/2 in. x 17 1/2 in.), b/w, a candid shot of the scientist in black tie. Signed with sentiment on the matting, *"With best wishes, Alexander Fleming"* in bold blue ink. Countersigned by photographer John J. Loughlin. Some emulsion and surface tears near the top; overall, in good condition. A rare signed photograph from this important researcher. (#23009) **$1,950**

40. GABLE, CLARK. 1901-1960. American film actor. **SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, of Gable in the saddle. Inscribed on the image in blue ink, *"To Al, Best Always, Clark"*. The inscribee is none other than celebrated horse trainer/wrangler Al Yank, whose career spanned several decades in Hollywood. Yank worked in over 30 films with John Wayne, as well as James Dean in "Giant", Elvis Presley, Clark Gable and numerous other stars. Lee Marvin, when accepting his Academy Award for "Cat Ballou", stated that half of his award belonged to a horse in the valley. The horse was trained to act drunk in the film by Al Yank. In very fine condition. (#23169) **$950**

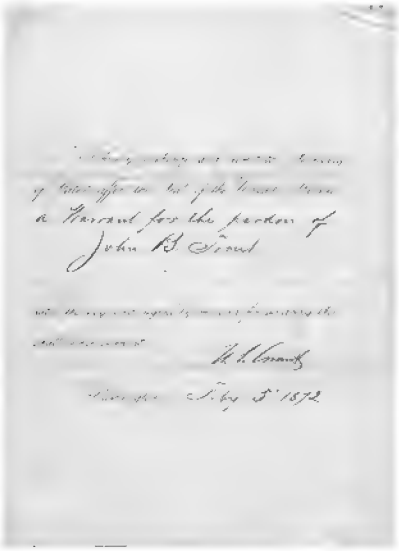


In the opening days of the war Lt. Colonel James Garfield requests his horse be sent immediately to him, while continuing to push for additional recruits

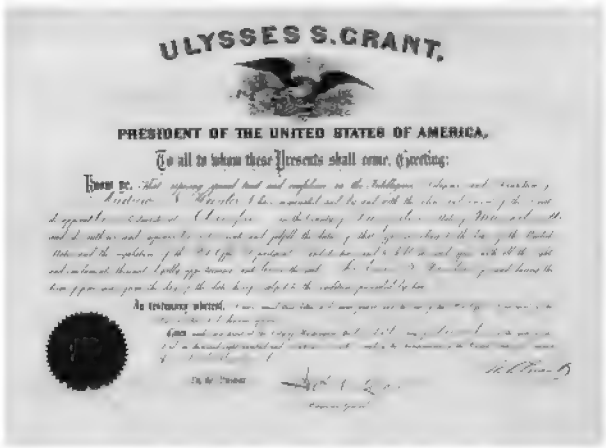
41. GARFIELD, JAMES A. 1831-1881. 20th President of the U.S. (March 4 - September 19, 1881). Served in the Union Army during the Civil War (from August, 1861 to December, 1863), rising from Lieutenant Colonel to Major General. Then served as U.S. Representative from Ohio (1863-80), acting as Republican minority leader from 1876. Assassinated on July 2, 1881 by Charles Guiteau; died on September 19, 1881. **RARE CIVIL WAR-DATE AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, One page, Quarto, dated October 14, 1861 from Camp Chase, Ohio, on the outskirts of Columbus. Written to a correspondent identified only as *"My Dear Wall"*. Garfield pens (in full):

"My Dear Wall, Send Green with the Stallion immediately – Either by cars or on foot as you think best. I hope you will do all in your power to raise recruits – and get them into camp immediately. Suppose you bring the old horse out here – I believe you could sell him here as well as there. I should like to ride him here in camp on parade. Let me hear from you soon, Yours truly, J.A. Garfield"

An exceptional letter from the very beginning of his distinguished military career. In pristine condition. War-date letters of Garfield, whose service spanned just over two years, are exceedingly rare. (#) **$950**



42. GRANT, ULYSSES S. 1822-1885. 18th President of the U.S. (1869-1877). **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, dated February 5, 1872. The document reads (in full): *"I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State affix the Seal of the United States to a Warrant for the pardon of John B. Trout dated this day and signed by me and for so doing this shall be his warrant.* [Signed in purple ink:] *U.S. Grant"*. In fine condition. (#) **$950**

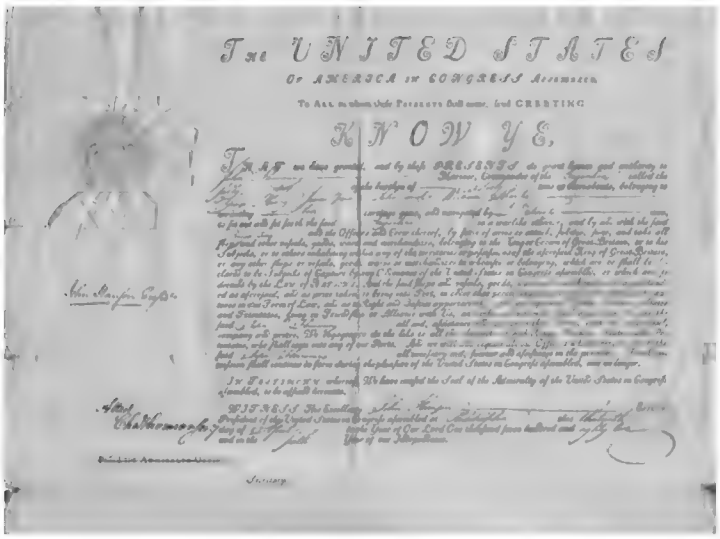


43. GRANT, ULYSSES S. MAGNIFICENT DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 17 in. x 13 1/2 in., dated December 20, 1876, appointing Andrew S. Hunter to the position of Postmaster at Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts. Signed at the lower right *"U.S. Grant"*, and countersigned by Postmaster General James N. Tyner. Tipped to another leaf. In very fine condition, with original gold Post Office Department seal intact at the lower left, with only minor chipping. (#) **$1,250**

Santa Claus!

44. GWENN, EDMUND. 1875-1959. Film and stage actor. **RARE VINTAGE SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH,** 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, of the actor in costume as Kris Kringle, the Macy's Santa Claus who believes he's St. Nick, in *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947), a role which earned him the Academy Award as Best Supporting Actor. Inscribed in white ink on the image, *"To Libby, with best wishes from Edmund Gwenn"*. Very minor surface warping; overall, in excellent condition. In 20 years, we have seen less than six of these! (#23188) **$2,500**

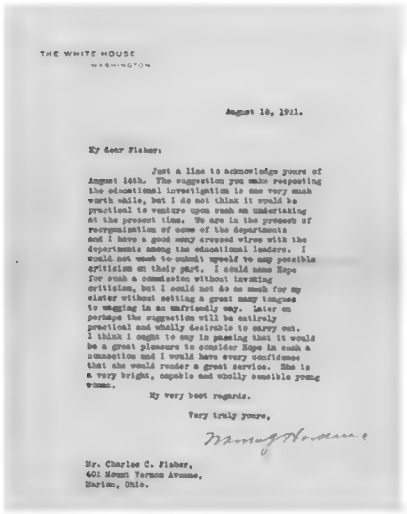
"First President of the United States", John Hanson, commissions a Privateer against ships under British rule



45. HANSON, JOHN. 1721-1783. American Revolutionary political leader. Member of the Continental Congress (1780), and its first President (served 1781-82) after ratification of the Articles of Confederation (March 1, 1781). On November 5, 1781, Hanson was elected "President of the United States in Congress Assembled"; although the post was in fact merely that of presiding officer of Congress under the Articles of Confederation, and he had little executive authority, he has nonetheless occasionally been referred to as "the first President of the United States". **EXTREMELY RARE REVOLUTIONARY WAR-DATE DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,** One page, Folio (approx. 16 1/2 in. x 13 1/4 in.), Philadelphia, April 13, 1782. The documents states (in part):

"The United States of America in Congress Assembled, To All to whom these Presents shall come, send Greeting. Know Ye, That we have granted, and by these Presents do grant, license and authority to John Fleming, Mariner, Commander of the Brigantine called the Sally of the burthen of Sixty tons or thereabouts, belonging to George Henry, James Josia D John and William Sharpe mounting ten carriage guns, and navigated by Twenty men, to fit out and set forth the said Brigantine in a warlike manner, and by and with the said Brigantine and the Officers and Crew thereof, by force of arms to attack, subdue, seize, and take all ships and other vessels, goods, wares and merchandizes, belonging to the King or Crown of Great Britain, or to his Subjects, or to others inhabiting within any of the territories or possessions of the aforesaid King of Great Britain, or any other ships or vessels, goods, wares, or merchandizes to whomsoever belonging, which are or shall be declared to be Subjects of Capture by any Ordinance of the United States in Congress Assembled, or which are so deemed by the Law of Nations."

The document continues by requesting *that "all Kings, Princes, States and Potentates, being in Friendship or Alliance with Us…to give said John Fleming, all aid, assistance and succour in their Ports…"* Signed, *"John Hanson, Presidt"* beneath the ornate seal affixed at the upper left. Co-signed by **Charles Thomson**, *"Attest Chas Thomson Secy."*, as Secretary to the Continental Congress beneath the signature of Hanson. The document is in very fine condition; paper is an ivory-tone throughout, and the wafer seal is intact. Hanson material is extremely difficult to come by, and this Revolutionary War-date example is a fantastic specimen. (#23182) **$7,500**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1921.

My dear Fisher:

Just a line to acknowledge yours of August 14th. The suggestion you make respecting the educational investigation is one very much worth while, but I do not think it would be practical to venture upon such an undertaking at the present time. We are in the process of reorganization of some of the departments and I have a good many crossed wires with the departments among the educational leaders. I would not want to submit myself to any possible criticism on their part. I could name Hope for such a commission without invoking criticism, but I could not do as much for my sister without setting a great many tongues to wagging in an unfriendly way. Later on perhaps the suggestion will be entirely practical and wholly desirable to carry out. I think I ought to say in passing that it would be a great pleasure to consider Hope in such a connection and I would have every confidence that she would render a great service. She is a very bright, capable and wholly sensible young woman.

My very best regards.

Very truly yours,

Warren G. Harding

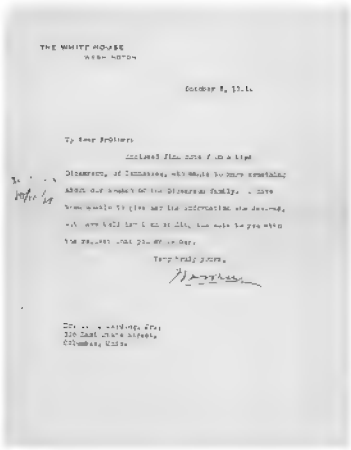
Mr. Charles C. Fisher,
401 Mount Vernon Avenue,
Marion, Ohio.

President Harding is concerned that the appointment of his sister to a committee would be inappropriate and set *"a great many tongues to wagging in an unfriendly way"*

46. HARDING, WARREN G. 1865-1923. 29th President of the U.S. (1921-1923). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated August 18, 1921. Written Charles Fisher, a resident of Harding's hometown of Marion, Ohio.

> *"My dear Fisher: Just a line to acknowledge yours of August 14th. The suggestion you make respecting the educational investigation is one very much worth while, but I do not think it would be practical to venture upon such an undertaking at the present time. We are in the process of reorganization of some of the departments and I have a good many crossed wires with the departments among the educational leaders. I would not want to submit myself to any possible criticism on their part. I could name Hope for such a commission without invoking criticism, but I could not do as much for my sister* [perhaps two of the President's four sisters, Mary Harding or Abigail "Daisy" Lewis, both of whom were teachers in Ohio] *without setting a great many tongues to wagging in an unfriendly way. Later on perhaps the suggestion will be entirely practical and wholly desirable to carry out. I think I ought to say in passing that it would be a great pleasure to consider Hope in such a connection and I would have every confidence that she would render a great service. She is a very bright, capable and wholly sensible young woman... Warren G. Harding".*

An interesting letter, in which Harding voices his concern over the potentially scandalous appointment of one of his sisters to an investigative committee. Ironically, his sister Carolyn would later serve in the Veterans Bureau, one of the many Cabinet departments that would haunt his administration with corruption and scandal. The director of the Veterans Bureau, Charles Forbes, was convicted of fraud, conspiracy and bribery for such egregious crimes as accepting kickbacks for purchasing government supplies at exorbitant prices, and diverting alcohol and drugs from Veterans hospitals to bootleggers and narcotics dealers. He served a two year sentence in Federal prison. In fine condition. (#) **$950**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1921.

My dear Brother:

Enclosed find note from a Miss Dickerson, of Tennessee, who wants to know something about our branch of the Dickerson family. I have been unable to give her the information she desires, but have told her I am sending the note to you with the request that you write her.

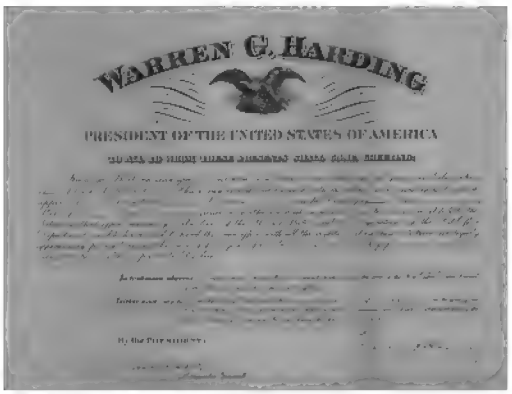
Very truly yours,

Warren G. Harding

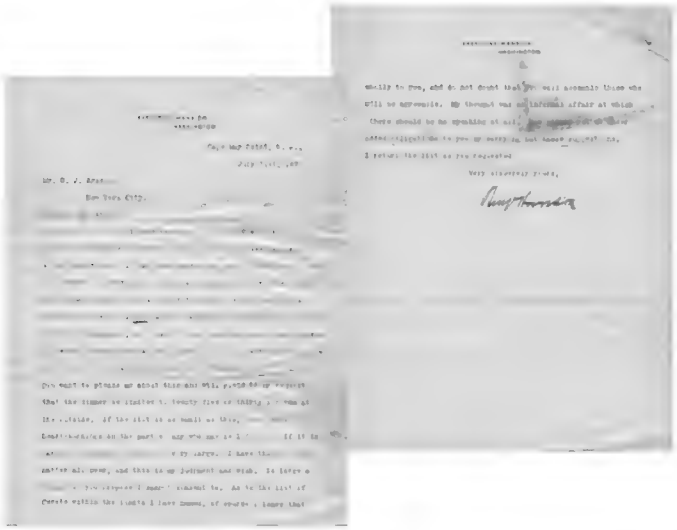
Dr. George Tyron Harding, Jr.,
328 East State Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

47. HARDING, WARREN G. TYPED LETTER SIGNED *"Warren"* **AS PRESIDENT,** One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated October 8, 1921. Written to his brother, Dr. George Tyron Harding, Jr., a psychiatrist practicing in Columbus. *"My dear Brother: Enclosed find note from a Miss Dickerson, of Tennessee, who wants to know something about our branch of the Dickerson family* [referring to their mother, Phoebe Elizabeth Harding nee Dickerson]. *I have been unable to give her the information she desires, but have told her I am sending the note to you with the request that you write her. Very truly yours, Warren".* In fine condition. (#) **$695**

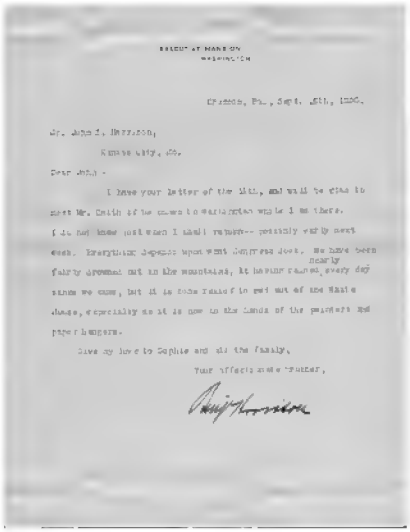
48. HARDING, WARREN G. EXCEPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED, approx. 8 in. x 11 in. (image approx. 7 in. x 9 in.), a formal sepia-tone portrait of the seated President wearing coat & tie. Inscribed in ink (beneath the image), *"To Gardiner Lathrop with my cordial greetings and best wishes. Sincerely Warren G. Harding".* Emulsion chip and small puncture at lower right of image. The inscription exhibits areas of minor smudging; otherwise, in fine condition. (#23177) **$395**



49. HARDING, WARREN G. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 16 in. x 12 3/4 in., dated April 19, 1922, appointing Claud A. Howard to the position of Postmaster at Bronson, Sabine County, Texas. Signed *"Warren G. Harding"* at the lower right, and countersigned by Postmaster General Huber Work at the lower left. Slight discoloration vertically at the center-right, and some minor toning; overall, in fine condition. (#) **$395**



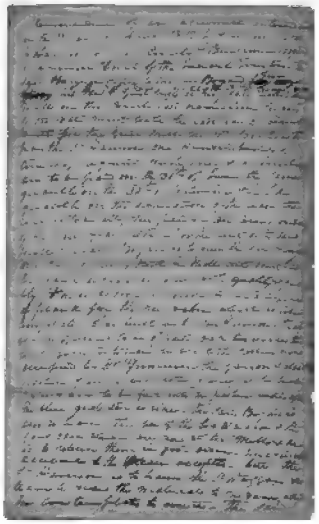
50. HARRISON, BENJAMIN. 1833-1901. 23rd President of the U.S. (1889-1893). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One and one-third pages, Quarto, on Executive Mansion letterhead, dated July 31, 1891, from Cape May Point, NJ. Written to *"Mr. W.J. Arkell, New York City."* Harrison writes (in full): *"My Dear Mr. Arkell: I have received your letter with the list of guests you propose to invite to the dinner you have tendered me at Mt. MacGregor. It may seem ungracious and foolish, but I cannot consent to your plans. Such a dinner as you propose, inviting so many people from all over the State, would be given a significance which I must avoid. When you suggested the dinner I did not contemplate, as I said to you, anything more than a dozen or twenty persons such as you might either take with you from New York City or find at Saratoga or in its neighborhood. I am sure you want to please me about this and will yield to my request that the dinner be limited to twenty five or thirty persons at the outside. If the list is as small as this, there will be no heart-burnings on the part of who may be left out. If it is larger, of course, it must be very large. I have thought this matter all over, and this is my judgement and wish. So large a dinner as you propose I cannot consent to. As to the list of guests within the limits I have named, of course I leave that wholly to you, and do not doubt that you will assemble those who will be agreeable. My thought was an informal affair at which there should be no speaking at all. Now please put me under added obligations to you by carrying out these suggestions. I return the list as you requested. Very Sincerely yours, Benjamin Harrison".* Very sharp words from the President! In fine condition. (#) **$1,500**

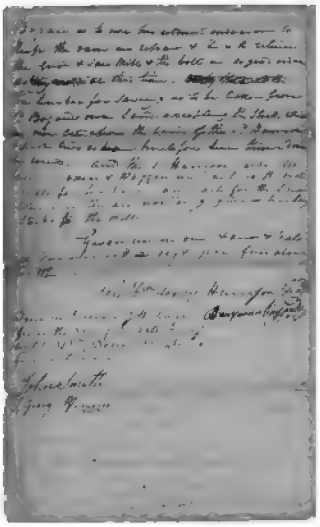


"...it is some relief to get out of the White House, especially as it is now in the hands of the painters and paper hangers"

51. HARRISON, BENJAMIN. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on Executive Mansion letterhead, dated September 16, 1890, from Cresson, Pennsylvania. Written to his brother, John S. Harrison. *"Dear John: I have your letter of the 11th, and will be glad to meet Mr. Smith if he comes to Washington while I am there. I do not know just when I shall return possibly early next week. Everything depends upon what Congress does. We have been fairly drowned out in the mountains, it having rained nearly every day since we came, but it is some relief to get out of the White House, especially as it is now in the hands of the painters and paper hangers. Give my love to Sophie and all the family. Your affectionate brother, Benjamin Harrison".* In fine condition. (#) **$2,500**

52. HARRISON, BENJAMIN. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 18 1/2 in. x 14 in., dated March 8, 1890, appointing James A Tait to be Notary Public for the District of Columbia. Signed boldly at the lower right *"Benj. Harrison"*, and countersigned by Attorney General William H.H. Miller. Tipped to another leaf. Minor soiling at the center vertical fold; overall, in very fine condition with intact red wax Department of Justice seal at the lower left. (#) **$695**





William Henry Harrison enters into a sharecropping agreement with a tenant for a portion of his Indiana property

53. HARRISON, WILLIAM HENRY. 1773-1841. 9th President of the U.S. (March 4 - April 4, 1841). **AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT SIGNED**, Two pages, Folio, dated April 1, 1812. In full:

"Memorandum of an agreement entered into on the 1st day of April 1812 by & between Wm. H. Harrison of Knox County & Benjamin Bogard of Harrison County of the Indiana Territory - The said Harrison rents to the said Bogard from the Day of the Date hereof until the 31st of December next. For the Grist Mill the said Bogard is to pay the s.d Harrison one hundred buckets of corn & if required thirty three & a third buckets are to be paid on the 30th of June. The same quantity on the 30th of September & the like quantity on the expiration of the lease- the rest is to be altogether paid in old Corn or Corn of the last years growth- For the rent of the Saw Mill the said Bogard is to give the said Harrison one third of every stock he shall cut dividing the plank as nearly as possible to cut a sufficient of plank for the new dam which is contemplated to be built by the said Harrison- That for the piling to be of White Oak two inches thick the said Bogard is to have the use of the cabins now occupied by Gr. Pfrimmer the garden & also the pasture ground - but nothing unless it be bucking cabins are to be put into the pasture until after the blue grass seed is ripe- The said Bogard is also to have the use of the Log Waggon & the four oxen which are now at the Mills & he is to return them in good order- unavoidable accidents to the Oxen excepted—but the sd. Harrison is to have the sd. Waggon & team to draw the materials to the dame which he contemplates to erect- The said Bogard is to use his utmost endeavour to keep the dam in repair & He is to return the Grist & Saw Mills & the bolt in as good order as they are at this time— [phrase crossed out] *The timber for sawing is to be taken from sd. Bogards own land- excepting the Stocks which are now cut upon the land of the sd. Harrison & such trees as have heretofore been thrown down by winds- and the sd. Harrison may also use the oxen & Waggon in hauling the materials for his house and rails for the farm Whenever they are not engaged in hauling Stocks for the Mill*

Given under our Hands & Seals at Vincennes the day & year first above written -- Willm Henry Harrison (seal)

Benjamin Bogard (seal)"

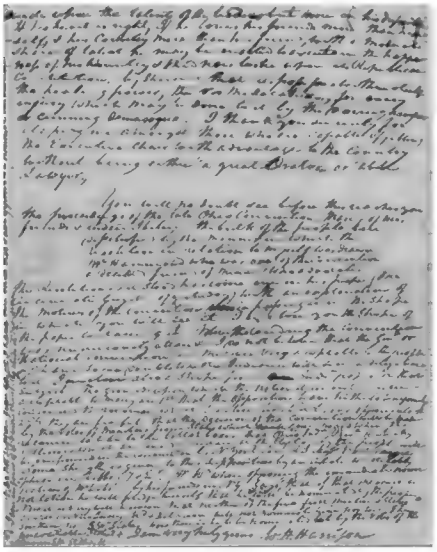
General toning and weakness at folds; overall, in good condition with a spectacular signature from Harrison. (#) **$1,500**

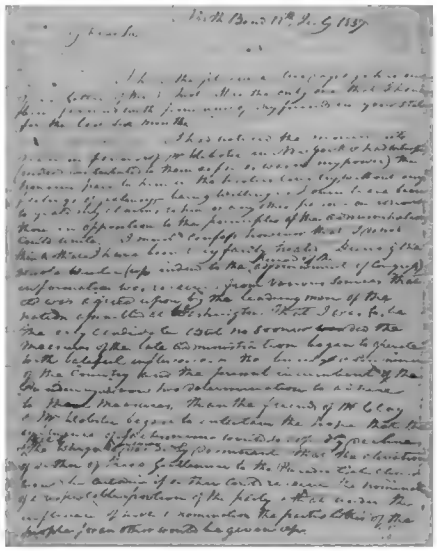
William Henry Harrison bitterly reflects on his loss to Martin Van Buren in the election of 1836, while planning his political comeback with the military zeal and rhetoric that will become the hallmark of his next campaign

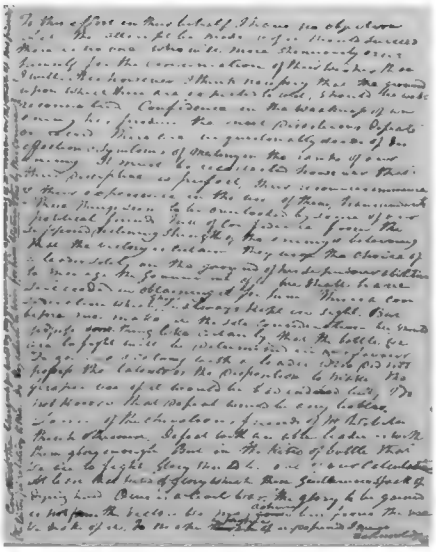
54. HARRISON, WILLIAM HENRY. FANTASTIC POLITICAL-CONTENT AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, Four pages, Quarto, dated July 12, 1837 from North Bend, Ohio. Written to the influential New York City Whig organizer Mr. **Silas M. Stilwell** (1800-1881). Harrison pens (in part):

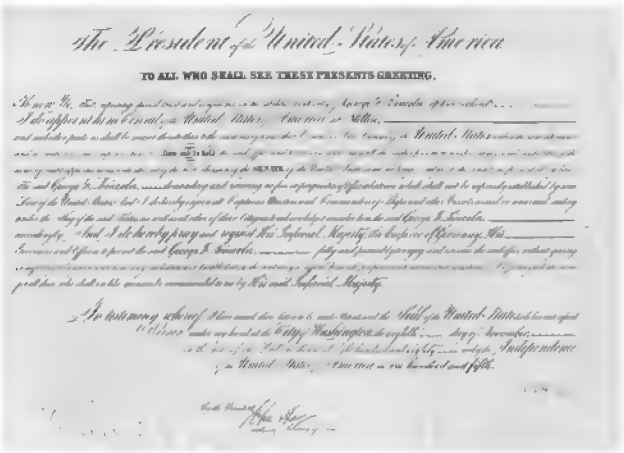
"My dear Sir…I had noticed the movements made in favor of Mr. Webster in New York & had witnessed (indeed contributed to them as far as was in my power) the honors paid to him in the Western Country, without any feeling of jealousy, being willing as I ever have been to yield my claims to him or any other person on whom those in opposition to the principles of the administration could unite. I must confess however that I do not think that I have been very fairly treated. During the worst winter (up indeed to the adjournment of congress) information was received from various sources that it was agreed upon by the leading men of the nation assembled at Washington that I was to be the only candidate. But no sooner did the measures of the late administration begin to operate with baleful influence on the business of the country and the present incumbent of the presidency his determination to adhere to the measures, than the friends of Mr. Clay & Mr. Webster began to entertain the hope that the influence of Jacksonism would so rapidly decline & the Whigs do become decidedly dominant that the elevation of either of these gentlemen to the Presidential chair would be certain if either could receive the nomination of a respectable portion of the party & that under the influence of such a nomination the partialities of the people for another would be given up. To this effort in their behalf I have no objection. Let the attempt be made & if it should succeed there is no one who will more strenuously exert himself for the consumation of their wishes than I will. It is however, I think necessary that the ground upon which these are expected to rest should be well reconnoitered. Confidence in the weakness of our enemy has produced the most disastrous defeats on record. There are unquestionably seeds of disaffection & symptoms of mutiny in the ranks of our enemy. It must be recollected however that their discipline is perfect, & their resources immense & their experience in the use of them, is transparent…To give a victory with a leader who did not possess the talents or the disposition to make the proper use of it would be bad indeed, but I do not know that defeat would be any better. Some of the chivalrous friends of Mr. Webster think otherwise. Defeat with an able leader is with them glory enough. But in the kind of battle that we are to fight, glory should be out of our calculation. That kind of glory which these gentlemen speak of dying hard. Ours is a civil war. The glory to be gained is not for the victory we may achieve but from the use we make of it… I am very truly yours W.H. Harrison"

An excellent letter of political strategy, in which Harrison mentions his ally Daniel Webster and plans his return to the campaign trail in unusual detail. Silked; otherwise, in very good condition. Please call for more information. [Illustrated top of page 19] (#) **$15,000**





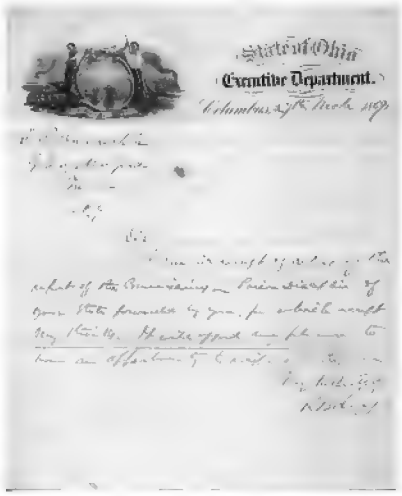




The President of the United States of America

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS GREETING.

55. HAYES, RUTHERFORD B. 1822-1893. 19th President of the U.S. (1877-1881). **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, 18 in. x 13 1/2 in., dated November 8, 1880, appointing George F. Lincoln of Connecticut to be Consul of the U.S. at Stettin, Germany. Signed *"R.B. Hayes"* at the lower right, and countersigned by Acting Secretary of State **John Hay**. Tipped to another leaf. In fine condition, with intact white wafer seal at the lower left. (#) **$695**



State of Ohio
Executive Department.

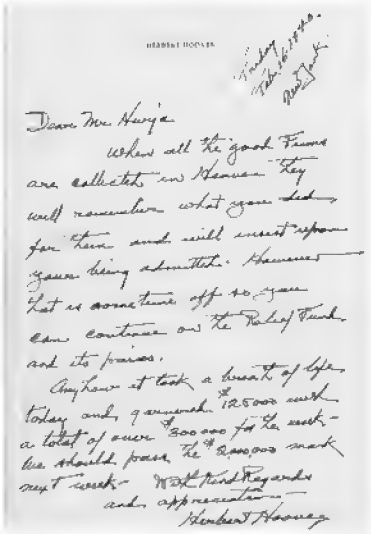
56. HAYES, RUTHERFORD B. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS GOVERNOR OF OHIO, One page, Quarto, dated March 27, 1869, on *"State of Ohio – Executive Department"* letterhead stationery. Written to F.R. Randolf &c. In full: *"Sir -- I am in receipt of copies of the report of the commissary on Prison Discipline of your state forwarded by you for which accept my thanks. It will afford me pleasure to have an opportunity to reciprocate the favor. Very Respectfully, RB Hayes"*. Minor soiling; on the whole, in fine condition. (#) **$495**

Superb Katharine Hepburn signed photo from *"Rooster Cogburn"*

57. HEPBURN, KATHARINE. b. 1907. American film actress. **SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, 8 in. x 10 in, color, of the actress in costume as "Eula" from "Rooster Cogburn". Inscribed on the image in blue ink, *"For Al, affectionately, Katharine"*. The inscribee is none other than celebrated horse trainer/wrangler Al Yank, whose career spanned several decades in Hollywood. Yank worked in over 30 films with John Wayne, as well as James Dean in "Giant", Elvis Presley, Clark Gable and numerous other stars. Lee Marvin, when accepting his Academy Award for "Cat Ballou", stated that half of his award belonged to a horse in the valley. The horse was trained to act drunk in the film by Al Yank. In fine condition. (#23168) **$1,950**

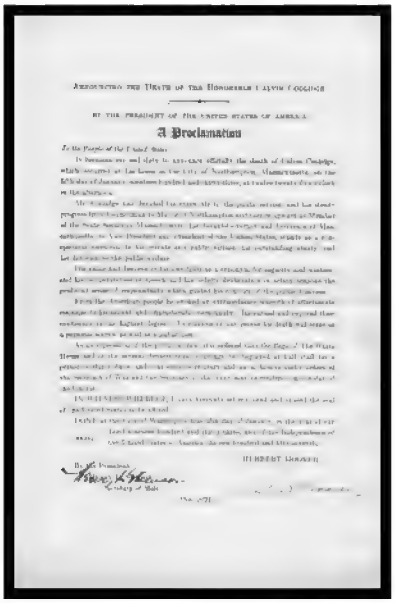
"Courage and confidence on the part of the business enterprises of our country are a major factor in readjustment to current economic conditions"

58. HOOVER, HERBERT. 1874–1964. 31st President of the U.S. (1929-1933). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated June 20, 1931. Written to Mr. Albon Holsey, Secretary of the National Negro Business League in New York City. *"My dear Mr. Holsey: I should like to extend to the members of the National Negro Business League my greetings and good wishes for the success of its annual convention in New York, June 21st to 24th. Courage and confidence on the part of the business enterprises of our country are a major factor in readjustment to current economic conditions. I hope that the deliberations of your League may contribute their part toward this result. Yours Faithfully, Herbert Hoover"*. In fine condition. (#) **$950**



59. HOOVER, HERBERT. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, on personal letterhead stationary, dated *"Friday Feb. 16, 1940."* Writing to Mr. Hurja, Hoover pens (in full): *"Dear Mr Hurja, When all the good Firms are collected in Heaven they will remember what you did for them and will insist upon your being admitted. However that is some time off so you can continue on the Relief Fund and its policies. Anyhow it took a breath of life today and garnered $125,000 each total of over $300,000 for the week - We should pass the $2,000,000 mark next week - With Kind Regards and appreciation- Herbert Hoover"*. At this time, Hoover was serving as chairman of the relief organizations for war-torn Poland, Finland and Belgium. In fine condition. (#) **$1,500**

60. HOOVER, HERBERT. SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH, approx. 8 1/4 in. x 11 1/4 in. (image approx. 7 1/4 in. x 9 1/4 in.), a formal sepia-tone head & shoulders portrait of the President wearing coat & tie. Inscribed in black ink (beneath the image), *"With Kind Regards of Herbert Hoover"*. In fine condition. The signature and inscription are exceptional. (#23178) **$495**



A Proclamation

Herbert Hoover announces the death of his predecessor, Calvin Coolidge

61. HOOVER, HERBERT. PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SIGNED announcing the **DEATH OF CALVIN COOLIDGE**, printed on black-bordered mourning stationery, Folio, January 5, 1933. Opening with the somber message *"Announcing the Death of the Honorable Calvin Coolidge"* and addressed to *"The People of the United States"*, the document reads (in part):

> *"It becomes by sad duty to announce officially the death of Calvin Coolidge, which occurred at his home in the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, on the fifth day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty-three, at twelve twenty-five o'clock in the afternoon."*
>
> *"Mr. Coolidge had devoted his entire life to the public service, and his steady progress from Councilman to Mayor of Northampton and thence upward as Member of the State Senate of Massachusetts, Lieutenant-Governor and Governor of Massachusetts, to Vice-President and President of the United States, stands as a conspicuous memorial to his private and public virtues, his outstanding ability, and his devotion to the public welfare."*
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> *"His name had become in his own lifetime a synonym for sagacity and wisdom; and his temperateness in speech and his orderly deliberation in action bespoke the profound sense of responsibility which guided his conduct of the public business... As an expression of the public sorrow, it is ordered that the flags of The White House and of the several departmental buildings be displayed at half staff for a period of thirty days, and that suitable military and naval honors under orders of the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy may be rendered on the day of the funeral."*

Signed boldly in blue ink, *"Herbert Hoover"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State **Henry L. Stimson**. Coolidge had passed away about noon on January 5, 1933, after working on a jigsaw puzzle of George Washington. His wife found him in the bedroom, having suffered a coronary thrombosis. Always known for his brevity and economy of language, "Silent Cal's" last will consisted of just 23 words: "Not unmindful of my son John, I give all my estate, both real and personal, to my wife, Grace Coolidge, in fee simple". His estate was valued at about $700,000. A poignant tribute from Hoover to the frugal Chief Executive of the roaring 20s. In very fine condition. (#) **$2,950**

Still chafing over the election results and outraged with FDR's arrogant mis-management of the economy, former President Herbert Hoover blasts the New Deal in a scathing denunciation, echoing the campaign themes of 1932

62. HOOVER, HERBERT. EXTRAORDINARY TYPED LETTER SIGNED, Two pages, Quarto, on personal letterhead stationery, dated December 27, 1933. Written to Senator **Simeon D. Fess** (R-Ohio), former Chairman of the Republican National Committee, who was then the Republican whip and serving his second term in the Senate. However, the following year Fess was defeated for a third term, no doubt due to the sweeping changes brought by the Roosevelt Administration and the New Deal. The letter is marked *"Confidential"* at the top right in Hoover's hand. An embittered Hoover writes (in full):

"My dear Senator:

I liked your explosion. I hope they are repeated. There are about a dozen roads to inflation. One is the government spending road of which the war was a perfect example. There was no increase in currency, no departure from the gold standard, but by creating an artificial demand through government spending we saw prices rise from 100 to 220 or thereabouts. That road runs into a precipice as soon as spending stops. The Administration having tried devaluation and failed of immediate results seems now definitely committed to that spending route. The thing that troubles me most is the entire absence of any understanding of the whole course of the depression. It turned the corner on a world-wide basis in the summer of 1932. We had successfully defended our country from collapse and were on the way out. The panic which arose over the fear of the New Deal was a serious interruption, and likewise all these inflation measures are making continued serious delays. We are running behind the rest of the world – and even delaying the world. (For instance, going off the gold standard and the gold buying antics have depressed world prices and slowed up the general recovery). I note your statement that if I had asserted before the election the things which were in store under the New Deal no one would have believed them, even our friends. That is true enough. I am sending you the speech which I delivered at New York on October 31, which was mild and yet was not very favorably received. It seems fairly prophetic now. One thing stands out. Unquestionably many of the things now being done were in the minds of our opponents during the campaign. I do not think they would now deny that 'sound money' was ever intended to mean the old gold standard, although chiefly through Senator Glass the people thought so. Also the use of the Utopian Myth as a political weapon is of course the same device under which Bolshevism, Fascism, and Hitlerism have swayed the mob with success away from the true principles of liberalism.

I am, however, in full agreement that with over developed scruples of conscience in public matters I was no proper contender in such a campaign. In any event I take satisfaction in the fact that when the American people realize some ten years hence that it was on November 8, 1932, that they surrendered the freedom of mind and spirit for which their ancestors had fought and agonized for over 300 years, they will, I hope, recollect that I at least tried to save them. Yours faithfully, Herbert Hoover"

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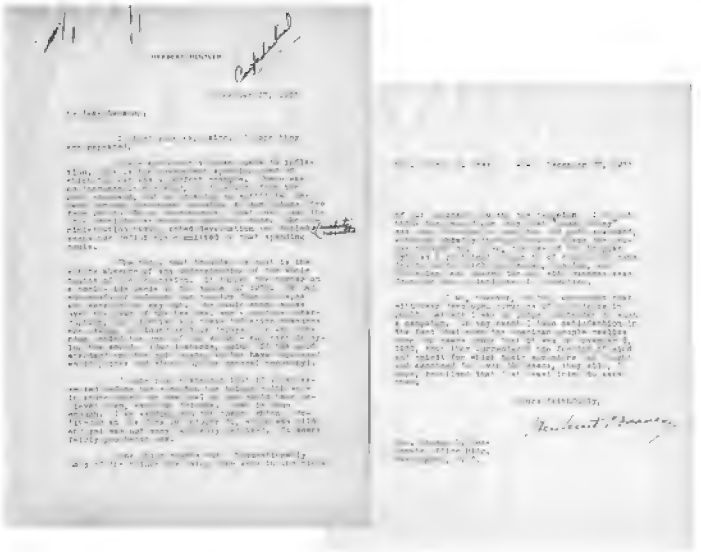
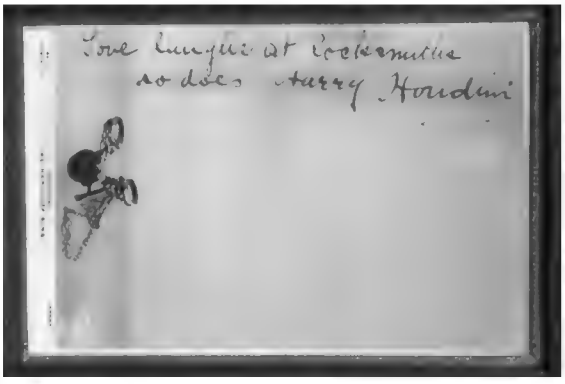
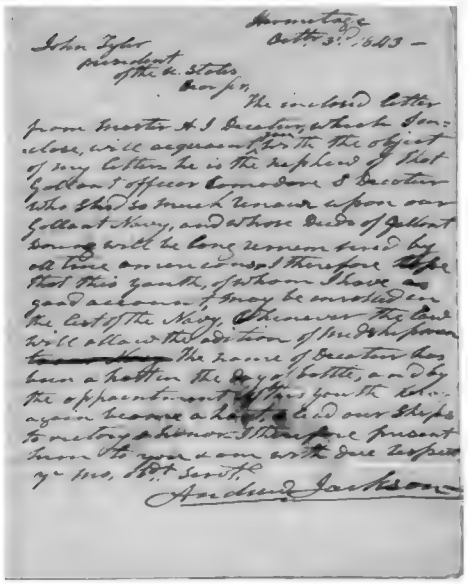


Hoover here almost sounds shrill in the aftermath of the 1932 election. Yet his assessment of the state of the national economy in 1933 certainly has merit: in many ways, the country had weathered the worst. Hoover states that *"by the summer of 1932, we had turned the corner"*, and in the urban areas, people had started to find work and some prices had stabilized. However, the rural and agricultural areas of the nation continued to suffer from depressed prices of farm products, and with an infrastructure totally unprepared to deal with the calamity, FDR's promises found an audience eager for hope. An amazing diatribe against Roosevelt and New Deal. Original paperclip stains at the head; on the whole, in fine condition. (#22571) **$4,950**

"Love laughs at locksmiths – as does Harry Houdini"

63. HOUDINI, HARRY. 1874-1926. Hungarian-born American magician. **FANTASTIC DUAL-SIDED AND DUAL-SIGNED POSTCARD PHOTOGRAPH**, approx. 3 1/2 in. x 5 1/2 in., b/w. The recto features a full-length image of the tuxedoed magician bound in shackles, beneath which is printed "Houdini – 'The Handcuff King'". Inscribed vertically along the left edge, *"Love laughs at locksmiths – as does Harry Houdini"*. As if this were not enough (!), the verso features these same shackles and handcuffs piled neatly on the ground, in absence of Houdini! The same inscription is penned in a likewise fashion on the left edge, *"Love laughs at locksmiths – as does Harry Houdini"*. One of the finest Houdini pieces we've ever encountered. In very fine condition. Housed in a custom desk-top frame, which flips on its center axis to reveal both sides. (#) **$7,500**



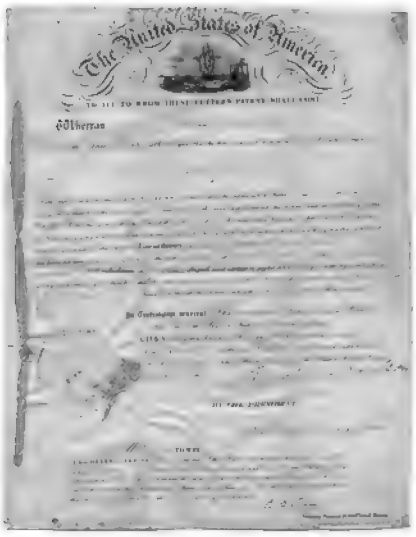


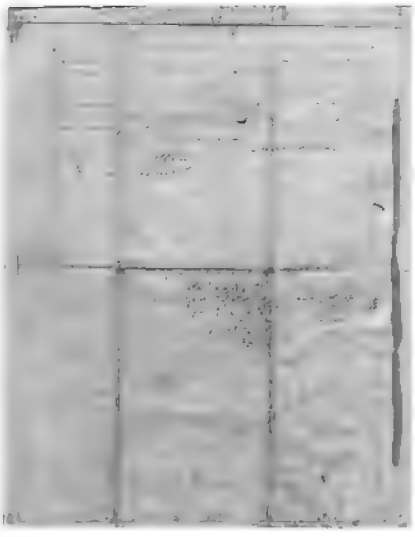
Former President Andrew Jackson has glowing words for one of America's earliest naval heroes, Commodore Stephen Decatur, in a stirring letter to President John Tyler

64. JACKSON, ANDREW. 1767-1845. 7th President of the U.S. (1829-1837). **EXCEPTIONAL AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, One page, Quarto, dated October 3, 1843 from the Hermitage, with an additional **Free Frank** (which has been crossed out) on the overleaf. Written to President **John Tyler** (1790-1862. 10th President of the U.S., 1841-1845). Jackson pens (in full):

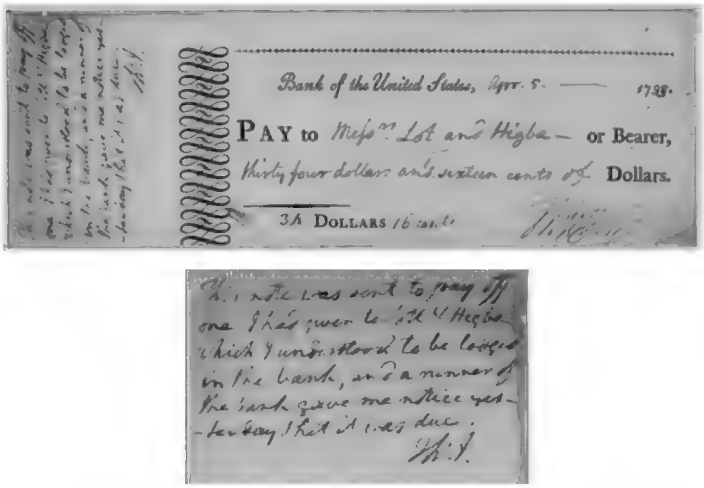
> *"Dear Sir, The inclosed letter* [not present] *from Master A.J. Decatur, which I enclose, will acquaint you with the object of my letter, he is the nephew of that gallant officer Comodore S. Decatur who I shed so much renown upon our gallant Navy, and whose deeds of gallant daring will be long remembered by all true Americans. I therefore hope that this youth, of whom I have a good account, may be enrolled in the list of the Navy, Whenever the law will allow the adition of midshipmen. The name of Decatur has been a part in the day of battle, and by the appointment of this youth may again become a part, & lead our ships to victory & honor. I therefore present him to you & am with dear respect yr mo. obdt. Servt., Andrew Jackson"*

An amazing letter of recommendation with a rousing, patriotic flair, and absolutely incredible associations. Decatur gave the young nation an important boost in confidence in 1804 when he led a band of saboteurs into Tripoli harbor to destroy the captured USS *Philadelphia*. He went on to even greater naval successes during the War of 1812. Minor smudging to a few words of the letter; on the whole, in near mint condition with exceptionally dark signatures and holograph text. Certainly one of the finest post-Presidential letters of Andrew Jackson extant. (#23113) **$15,000**





65. JACKSON, ANDREW. PATENT DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, Two pages, Folio, dated April 12, 1833, being a Letters Patent for Joseph Ross, who has *"invented a new and useful improvement in the machine for shelling corn"* Signed at the lower right, "Andrew Jackson", and countersigned by Secretary of State Edward Livingston and Attorney General **Roger B. Taney**. The second page, attached with ribbon binding to the patent, are the specifications of the corn shelling improvement written out in longhand. A fantastic piece with the signatures of three executives! In fine condition. (#) **$2,500**


Bank of the United States, April 5. 1793.

PAY to Messrs. Lot and Higba — or Bearer,

thirty four dollars and sixteen cents — Dollars.

34 DOLLARS 16 cents

"This note was sent to pay off one I had given to Lott & Higba which I understood to be lodged in the bank, and a member of the bank gave me notice yesterday that it was due. Th: J."

66. JEFFERSON, THOMAS. 1743-1826. 3rd President of the U.S. (1801-1809) **PARTIALLY-PRINTED BANK CHECK SIGNED** with an additional **HANDWRITTEN NOTE SIGNED WITH INITIALS** penned at the left portion, 2 3/4 in. x 8 in., dated April 5, 1793, as Secretary of State. *"Pay to Messrs. Lot and Higba* [David Higginbotham] *or Bearer, thirty four dollars and sixteen cents of Dollars…Th: Jefferson". "This note was sent to pay off one I had given to Lott & Higba which I understood to be lodged in the bank, and a member of the bank gave me notice yesterday that it was due. Th: J."* A rare form from Jefferson, being a full signed check, appended with an excellent handwritten note of explanation, highlighting his relentless financial woes. Minor toning; otherwise, in fine condition. Tipped to another leaf. (#) **$9,500**

Vice President Thomas Jefferson is made painfully aware of the detrimental effects of alcohol on society, just as the Temperance movement gains a foothold in America

"You know his habits of intoxication. His family assures me that this disappointment has driven him so much deeper into this habit that they have seriously feared his becoming an object of the mad house…"

67. JEFFERSON, THOMAS. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED as Vice President, One page, Quarto, dated November 27, 1799 from Monticello. Written to Dr. William Bache in Philadelphia *"or its neighborhood"*. Apparently, Dr. Bache was a party in a real estate deal and had not transferred payment to a Mr. James Key. Awaiting this transaction prevented Key from taking possession of property he had bought in North Carolina. Jefferson pens (in full):

"Dear Sir

The letter which Mrs. Bache did me the honor to write on the 7th inst. came to hand on the 22d. I immediately went to Mr. James Key's to communicate it's contents. His situation is precisely this. He has purchased a place in N. Carolina adjoining his father in law. The money was to be paid the first of this month. The man who sold to him was to carry his family to Kentucky. Both are in readiness to go off, and only wait for the money. The reason in the mean time is coming on so cold, that even Key's removal with his wife & children becomes formidable, and the other man's may be impracticable as he has the Alleghaney to cross. This threatens therefore to detain them altogether for another year; they cannot remove in the spring as they will have begun a crop in their present seats & it would be too late for them to begin one elsewhere. The only remedy then is to remit the money without losing a day or an hour, for a day more or less may really happen to be decisive. Mr. Barnes or any other person you may chuse to trust can always place the money in Richmond in 10 days by a bill, and Key says if locked there with Brydie & co. he will go and fetch it. You know his habits of intoxication. His family assures me that this disappointment has driven him so much deeper into this habit that they have seriously feared his becoming an object of the mad house. I would not write these things to make you uneasy, but for the distress of these people, and to apprise you of them in time that you may avoid circumstances perhaps more disagreeable, such as their keeping you out of possession a twelvemonth, demanding damages &c. I sincerely wish this may find your health reestablished, & trust that the cold weather will have produced that happy effect. This furnishes a reason the more for wishing you had come on as you originally intended, as you would probably have missed this illness, for we have been very healthy here. I presume you will not now come on till the spring, as your house could not be made inhabitable at this season. I therefore inclose you a letter which has been waiting you here some months. I shall be in Philadelphia about the 23d Dec. Present my respectful salutation to Mrs. Bache, & health & affection to yourself. Th: Jefferson

P.S. I inclose this to Mr. Barnes with a request that if it cannot be conveyed to you instantly by post, he will send an express, that not a day may be unnecessarily lost."

The early temperance movement had its roots in the colonial period, stimulated by the writings of Dr. **Benjamin Rush** (1745-1813), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who wrote one of the first American works on the subject - *Sermons to Gentlemen upon Temperance and Exercise* (1772). Jefferson, whose correspondence with Rush is voluminous, was most likely influenced by his views and had certainly read his 1772 *Sermon*. However, it would be another 26 years until another crusader, Presbyterian clergyman **Lyman Beecher** (1775-1863), would take up the cause. His six successive sermons, in 1825, on the evils of excessive drinking (even at the formal meetings of the ministers) were widely distributed, and it was through Beecher's effective leadership that the General Association of Connecticut adopted drastic recommendations regarding temperance.

An excellent Jefferson letter in which he addresses the consequences of excessive drinking. Linen backed; on the whole, in fine condition. Integral address panel is completed entirely in Jefferson's hand. (#23062) **$29,500**

Dear Sir Monticello Nov. 1. 93

The letter which mr Bache did me the honor to write on the 9th. inst. came to hand on the 22d. I immediately went to mr James Key's to communicate it's contents. his situation is precisely this. he has purchased a plantation in N. Carolina adjoining his father in law. the money was to be paid the first of this month. the man who sold to him was to carry his family to Kentuckey. both are in readiness to go off, and only wait for the money. the season in the mean time is coming on so cold, that even Key's removal with his wife & children becomes formidable, and the other man's may be impracticable as he has the Alleghaney to cross. this threatens therefore to detain them altogether for another year; they cannot remove in the spring as they will have begun a crop in their present seats & it would be too late for them to begin one elsewhere. the only remedy then is to remit the money without loosing a day or an hour, for a day more or less may really happen to be decisive. mr Barnes or any other person you may chuse to trust, can always place the money in Richmond in 10 days by a bill, and Key says if lodged there with Boyce & co. he will go and fetch it. you know his habits of intoxication. his family assures me that this disappointment has driven him so much deeper into this habit that they have seriously feared his becoming an object for the mad-house. I would not write these things to make you uneasy, but for the distress of these people, and to apprise you of them in time that you may avoid circumstances perhaps more disagreeable, such as their keeping you out of possession a twelvemonth, demanding damages &c. I sincerely wish this may find your health reestablished, & trust that the cold weather will have produced that happy effect. this furnishes a reason the more for wishing you had come on as you originally intended, as you would probably have missed this illness, for we have been very healthy here. I presume you will not now come on till the spring, as your house could not be made habitable at this season. I therefore inclose you a letter which has been waiting your return some months. I shall be in Philadelphia about the 23d. Dec. present my respectful salutations to mr Bache & health & affection to yourself.

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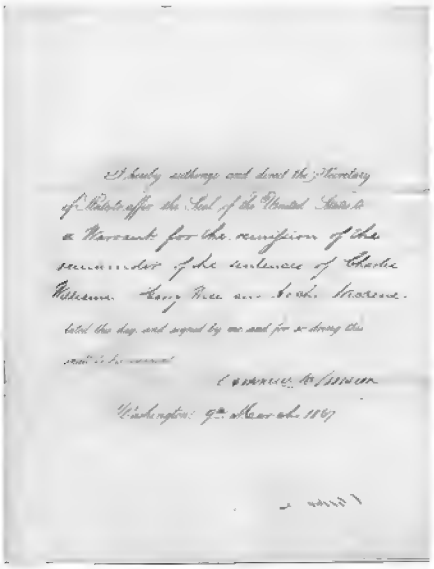

68. JOHNSON, ANDREW. 1808-1875. 17th President of the U.S. (1865-1869). **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, dated March 9, 1867, pardoning Charles Williams, Harry Wise and Archy Nickens. Signed boldly at the lower right, *"Andrew Johnson"*. Tipped to another leaf; overall, in fine condition. (#) **$695**

69. KELLY, GRACE. 1929-1982. American film actress and later Princess de Monaco. **EXCEPTIONAL SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, 7 1/2 in. x 9 1/2 in., b/w, a head and shoulders portrait of the stunning beauty wearing a high-collared jacket. Stamped on the verso "Paramount Photo by Bud Fraker". Inscribed on the image in brown ink, *"To Kenny – Best Wishes, Grace Kelly"*. Fine condition. (#23189) **$1,500**

70. KENNEDY, JOHN F. 1917-1963. 35th President of the U.S. (1961-1963). **PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN BUMPER STICKER SIGNED**, approx. 3 7/8 in. x 18 in., a patriotic banner printed in red, white and blue with "KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT" in bold lettering, and a black and white photograph of the candidate in profile. Immediately to the left of his image, Kennedy has penned in blue ink, *"John Kennedy"*. In very small letters at the lower right corner is printed, "KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT CLUB OF WISCONSIN...HONORABLE IVAN NESTINGEN, CHAIRMAN, MADISON, WISCONSIN". A wonderful signed memento from the Kennedy years. Perfect for display. Subtle vertical crease down the middle of the sticker due to folding; otherwise in very fine condition with bold, vibrant colors. (#23200) **$1,500**

PT-109

Newly-elected U.S. Senator John Kennedy plans to write his former adversary, Japanese naval officer Kohei Hanami, who was in command of the ship which rammed Kennedy's PT-109 in the South Pacific during WWII

71. KENNEDY, JOHN F. TYPED LETTER SIGNED with a **HANDWRITTEN POST SCRIPT**, One page, Quarto, on U.S. Senate letterhead, dated February 18, 1953. Written to John P. Gardiner of Boston, Massachusetts. Kennedy writes (in full):

> *"Dear Mr. Gardiner: Many thanks for your kind letter in regard to Commander Hanami. I am most apologetic for my slowness in answering you, but I have been overwhelmed with work and breaking into this new position. I am today writing Commander Hanami and expressing my thanks, enclosing a copy of the 'Survival' article* [most likely the PT-109 piece which appeared in the "Boston Herald"], *which describes what happened, and an autographed picture. If I hear from him again, I will let you know. With every good wish. Sincerely yours, John. Hope to see you sometime soon"*

In September of 1952, during the Senate race, Kennedy received a warm letter from Commander Kohei Hanami, former captain of the *Amagiri* which sunk Kennedy's PT-109 in the famous Solomon Islands incident. In the letter, Hanami wrote "I am firmly convinced that a person who practices tolerance to your former enemy like you, if elected to the high office in your country, would no doubt contribute not only to the promotion of genuine friendship between Japan and the United States but also the establishment of the universal peace."

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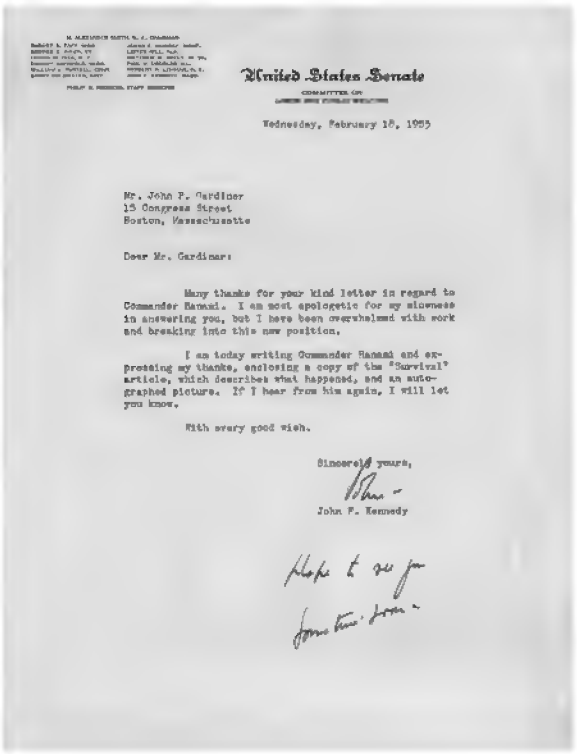

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON

Wednesday, February 15, 1955

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Boston, Massachusetts

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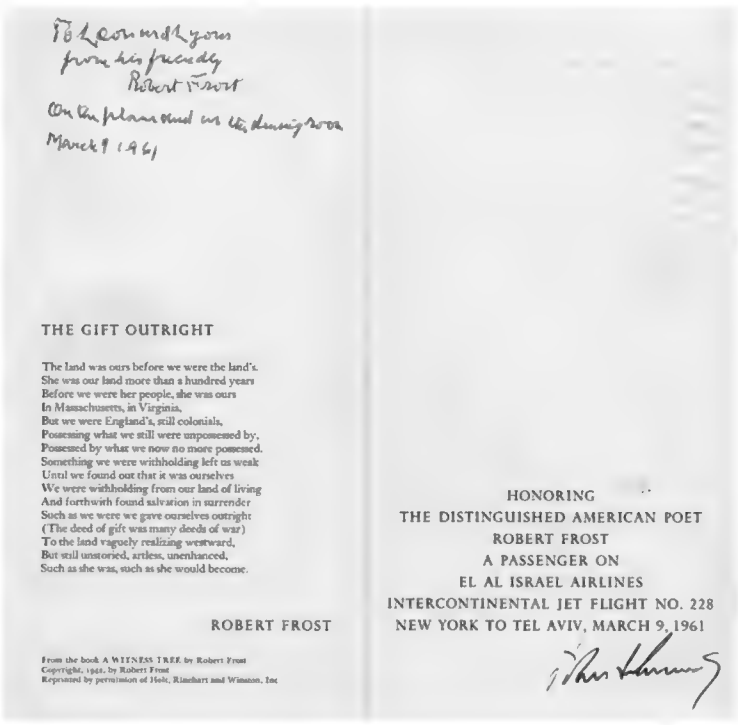

To Leon and Lyons
from his friendly
Robert Frost
On the plane and in the dining room
March 9 1961

THE GIFT OUTRIGHT

The land was ours before we were the land's.
She was our land more than a hundred years
Before we were her people, she was ours
In Massachusetts, in Virginia,
But we were England's, still colonials,
Possessing what we still were unpossessed by,
Possessed by what we now no more possessed.
Something we were withholding left us weak
Until we found out that it was ourselves
We were withholding from our land of living
And forthwith found salvation in surrender
Such as we were we gave ourselves outright
(The deed of gift was many deeds of war)
To the land vaguely realizing westward,
But still unstoried, artless, unenhanced,
Such as she was, such as she would become.

ROBERT FROST

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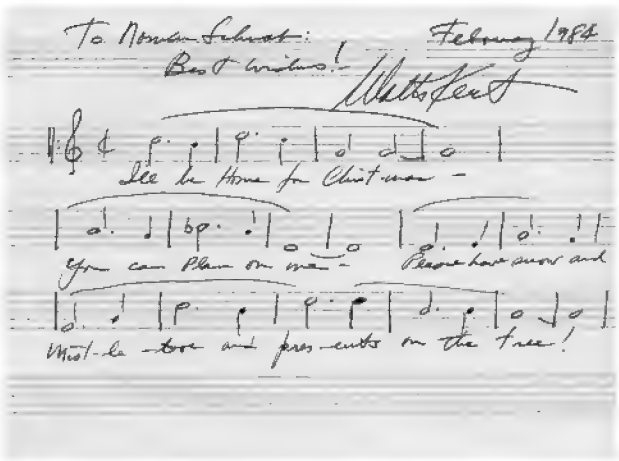
HONORING
THE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN POET
ROBERT FROST
A PASSENGER ON
EL AL ISRAEL AIRLINES
INTERCONTINENTAL JET FLIGHT NO. 228
NEW YORK TO TEL AVIV, MARCH 9, 1961

Robert Frost and John F. Kennedy signed Dedication Poem composed for the President's Inauguration, when he gave his historic *"ask not what you country can do for you"* speech

Kennedy's campaign team seized the opportunity to launch a full-scale publicity assault in the media, issuing a press release touting Hanami's letter as evidence that even former enemies of the Congressman recognized his value as a statesman in the Senate.

A few days after the date of the present letter from Kennedy, Gardiner wrote (obviously in reply to this letter) that the signed photograph and "Survival" article which Kennedy mentions were both scheduled to be published in a Japanese magazine entitled "The National Review", which Gardiner says "is just what is needed to foul up the Communists in their attempts to infiltrate and to control labor unions in Japan". A wonderful letter from the newly-elected Senator with a fantastic WWII / PT-109 association. In fine condition. (#) **$9,500**

72. KENNEDY, JOHN F. AND ROBERT FROST. FANTASTIC PRINTED POEM SIGNED BY BOTH, being a folded leaflet printed on card stock, commemorating Robert Frost's passage on El Al airlines from New York City to Tel Aviv on March 9, 1961. The piece is four pages in length, and measures approx. 8 1/2 in. x 4 1/2 in. The poem, entitled "Dedication", was originally composed by Frost for Kennedy's inauguration on January 20, 1961; this leaflet was signed less than six weeks later. Most significantly, this piece bears Frost's handwritten textual corrections to the printed transcription errors of two lines: *"**So those yet** ~~And certain~~ sure to be abided by,"* and *"**Firm in our free belief** ~~Not without caution but~~ without dismay,"* The piece is inscribed on the last page in blue ink, *"To Leon and Lyons from his friendly, Robert Frost, On the plane and in the dining room, March 9, 1961"*, and signed in bold black ink on the frontispiece *"John Kennedy"*. At the time this was signed, Kennedy's words were still resonating throughout the world, signifying to many a new era in American government. Some minor wear to the center vertical fold; on the whole, in very fine condition. A wonderful association between these to men, each voices of their generation, signed shortly after their appearance together at the Inauguration. (#22287) **$9,500**


To Norman Schwab:
Best wishes!
February 1984
I'll be Home for Christmas -
You can Plan on me -
Please have snow and
Mistletoe and presents on the tree!

"I'll Be Home For Christmas" penned by its composer

73. KENT, WALTER. AUTOGRAPH MUSICAL QUOTATION SIGNED, "I'll Be Home For Christmas", by Walter Kent, on a pre-printed musical composition form, approx. 7 3/4 in. x 5 3/4 in., February, 1984. Kent has penned the opening few lines from his song:

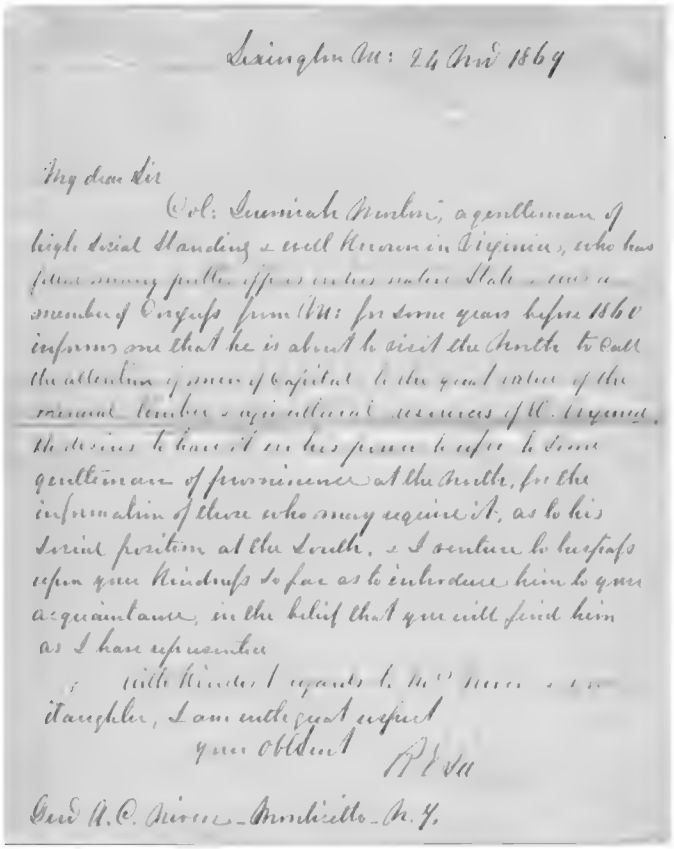
"I'll be Home for Christmas -
You can Plan on me -
Please have snow and Mistletoe
and presents on the tree!"

Boldly inscribed at the top: *"To Norman Schwab: Best wishes! Walt Kent February 1984"*. In fine condition. (#15108) **$950**

Robert E. Lee hopes to assist in calling *"...the attention of men of capital to the great value of the mineral, timber & agricultural resources of W. Virginia"* **– a state created by the Civil War**

74. LEE, ROBERT E. 1807-1870. U.S. and C.S.A. military general. **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED,** on blue-lined stationery, One page, Quarto, Lexington, Virginia, March (?) 24, 1869. Written to *"Genl A. C. Niven, Monticello, N.Y."* (in full):

> *"My dear Sir Col: Jeremiah Morton, a gentleman of high social standing & well known in Virginia, who has filled many public offices in his native State, was a member of Congress from Va: for some years before 1860, informs me that he is about to visit the North to call the attention of men of capital to the great value of the mineral, timber & agricultural resources of W. Virginia. He desires to have it in his power to refer to some gentleman of prominence at the North, for the information of those who may require it, as to his social position at the South, & I venture to trespass upon your kindness so far as to introduce him to your acquaintance, in the belief that you will find him as I have represented. With kindest regards to Mrs. Niven & your daughter, I am with great respect your Obt Servt R. E. Lee"*


Lexington Va: 24 March 1869

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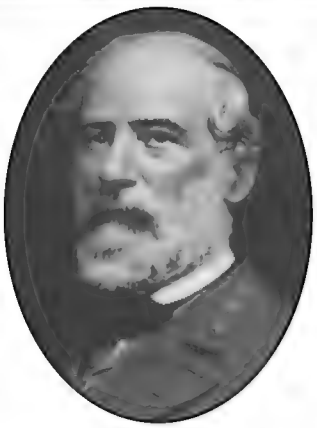
With kindest regards to Mrs. Niven & your daughter, I am with great respect

your Obdt

R E Lee

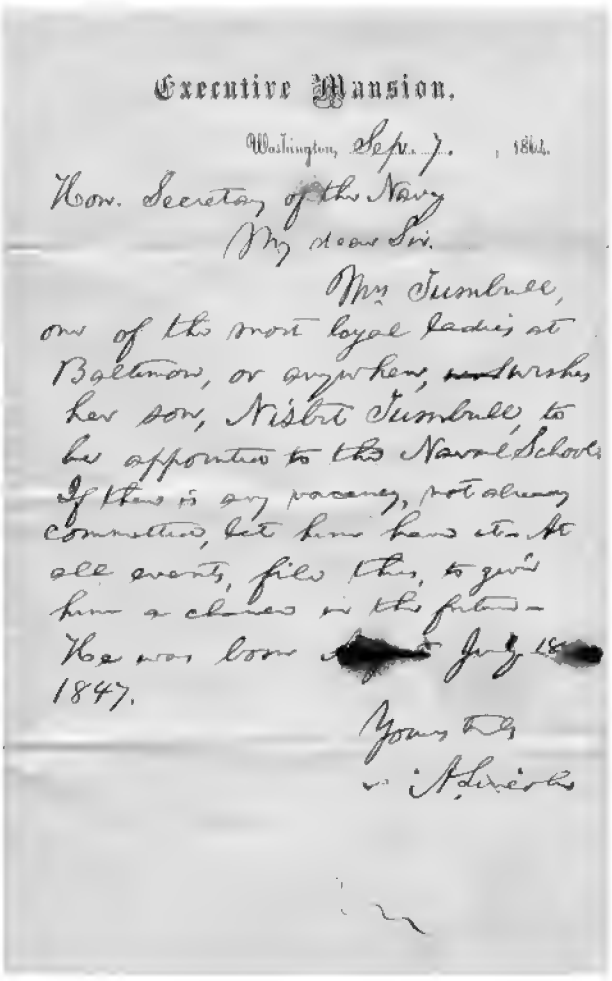
Genl A. C. Niven - Monticello - N. Y.



Late in his life, Robert E. Lee writes concerning a business trip to be made in the near future to the North by **Jeremiah Morton** (1799-1878) - who once served as a Whig Representative from Virginia in the Thirty-first Congress (March, 1849 - March, 1851) - for the purpose of bringing West Virginia's major mineral, timber and agricultural resources to the attention of wealthy businessmen. The state of West Virginia was created during the Civil War as a result of the sectional differences between the citizens who lived west of the Alleghenies (few of whom owned slaves) and the more powerful landed gentry who lived to the east. On April 3, 1862, a constitution for the state of West Virginia was ratified by voters who took the oath of allegiance to the Union. Though the Congress approved the bill admitting West Virginia, President Lincoln disapproved and considered vetoing it, though he reluctantly gave his consent on December 13, 1862. The new state formally entered the Union on June 20, 1863. During the war, the new state, like Missouri, suffered from its own civil war during a bitter four years of struggle. The official dismemberment of Virginia took decades to heal - an effort that Lee here assists in his capacity as President of Washington College, which post he accepted after the war. From this vantage point, Lee employed his great national prestige to rebuild the South's political, economic and cultural life. In absolutely pristine condition. (#17410) **$15,000**

Photographer Henry F. Warren's widely-circulated portrait of President Abraham Lincoln, his next-to-last sitting before his assassination

75. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. 1809-1865. 16th President of the U.S. (1861-1865). **ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH**, approx. 9 1/2 in. x 12 1/4 in. (image is approx. 6 in. x 8 1/4 in.), by photographer **Henry F. Warren** of Waltham, Massachusetts, taken two days after Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, Washington, D.C., Monday, March 6, 1865. Printed on the photographer's matte is the caption: *"THE LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN. TAKEN ON THE BALCONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MARCH 6, 1865."* Warren wanted desperately to take a picture of Lincoln, yet he was not acquainted with the President and had no connections in Washington. But he knew that Tad, Lincoln's young son, rode his pony every afternoon at about 3 pm. So, on March 4th or 5th, Warren "ambushed" Tad, taking a picture of him on his pony, and, in the late afternoon on the 6th, personally delivered the prints to Tad. Warren instructed the boy, delighted with his own photos, to bring out his father so that Warren could photograph him as well. Moments later, Tad appeared on the south balcony of the White House with the President, who carried his own chair for the special sitting. Warren took three pictures of Lincoln: two seated and one standing. The standing pose is lost, but the vignette portrait (presented here) was widely circulated. The camera captures a worn and tired Lincoln, his hair blown into disarray by the windiness of the balcony. Colonel Silas W. Burt of New York was to comment on Lincoln's expression: *"...The drooping eyelids, looking almost swollen; the dark bags beneath the eyes; the deep marks about the large and expressive mouth; the flaccid muscles of the jaws, were all so majestically pitiful."* Warren's session with Lincoln took place just over a month before Robert E. Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox (April 9, 1865). President Lincoln's last sitting was for photographer Alexander Gardner (at his Washington gallery), on April 10, 1865, just four days before his assassination. In fine condition. (#23181) **$4,950**


Executive Mansion.

Washington, Sept. 7, 1864.

Hon. Secretary of the Navy

My dear Sir.

Mrs. Turnbull, one of the most loyal ladies at Baltimore, or anywhere, wishes her son, Nisbet Turnbull, to be appointed to the Naval School. If there is any vacancy, not already committed, let him have it. At all events, file this, to give him a chance in the future. He was born July 18, 1847.

Yours truly

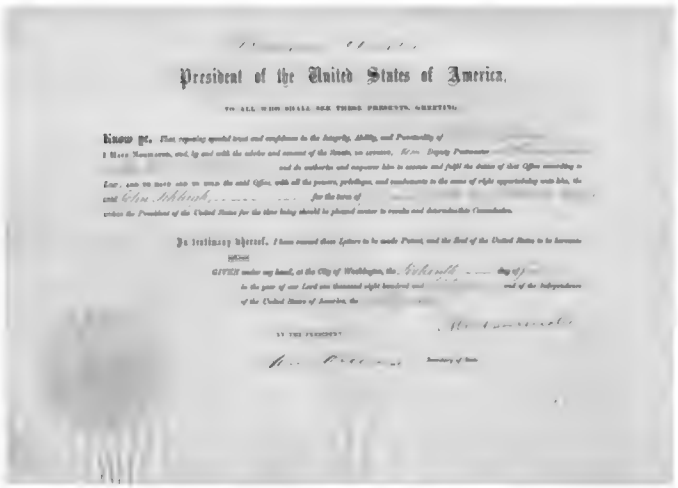
A. Lincoln

President Abraham Lincoln recommends a student for the Naval Academy to his Secretary of the Navy

76. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, on Executive Mansion letterhead stationery, One page, Small Quarto, Washington, September 7, 1864. Written to *"Hon. Secretary of the Navy"*, **Gideon Welles** (1802-1878), served from 1861-69. Lincoln writes (in full):

> *"My dear Sir, Mrs. Turnbull, one of the most loyal ladies at Baltimore, or anywhere, wishes her son, Nisbet Turnbull, to be appointed to the Naval School. If there is any vacancy, not already committed, let him have it. At all events, file this, to give him a chance in the future. He was born July 18, 1847. Yours truly A. Lincoln"*

Nisbet Turnbull was probably one of the six sons of **William Turnbull** (1800-1857), a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in 1819, and the builder of the Potomac Aqueduct across the Potomac River at Georgetown, one of the first important works of American engineering. The "Mrs. Turnbull" mentioned in the letter is probably the former Jane Graham Ramsay, who married William Turnbull in 1826, and by him had six sons and four daughters, one of whom - Nisbet - is here strongly recommended for a chance to attend the Naval School by President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln has crossed out an incorrectly written birthdate for Turnbull, which caused an ink blot at the end of his letter; otherwise, in fine condition. (#20833) **$25,000**


President of the United States of America.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

Know ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability, and Punctuality of

I Have Nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint, [illegible] Deputy Postmaster

and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to

Law; and to hold and to enjoy the said Office, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the

said [illegible] for the term of

unless the President of the United States for the time being should be pleased sooner to revoke and determine this Commission.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto

affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the [illegible] day of

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [illegible] and of the Independence

of the United States of America, the

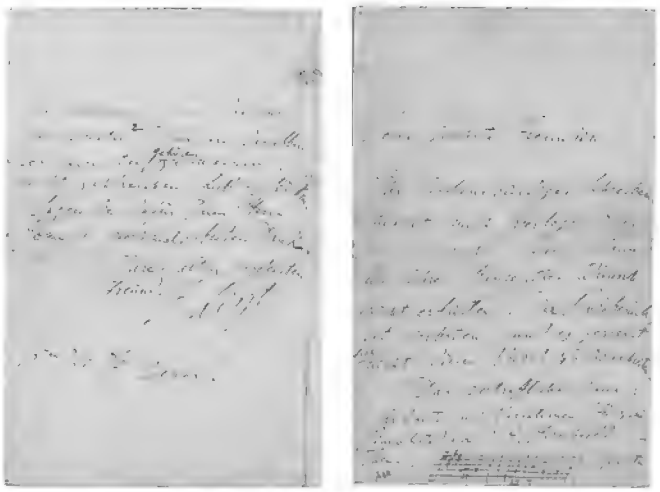
BY THE PRESIDENT:

Secretary of State

77. LINCOLN, ABRAHAM. SUPERB DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 15 1/2 in. x 11 in., dated July 16, 1861, appointing John Schleigh to be Deputy Postmaster at Hagerstown, Maryland. Signed in full, *"Abraham Lincoln"* at the lower right, and countersigned by Secretary of State **William H. Seward**.

A crucial border state, Maryland appeared to be teetering on the verge of secession in the Spring and Summer of 1861. On April 19, 1861, the 6th Massachusetts Militia, marching through Baltimore enroute to Washington, was pelted with paving stones hurled by an angry mob of pro-secessionist civilians. Shots were exchanged, and 4 soldiers and 12 Baltimoreans were killed. The incident greatly angered the South, emboldened Southern sympathies in Maryland, and left the future of Federal authority over the state in grave doubt. Perhaps most importantly, just **four days after the date of this document** (on July 21, 1861), the Union suffered an embarrassing defeat at the first major pitched battle of the Civil War, the Battle of First Bull Run (First Manassas).

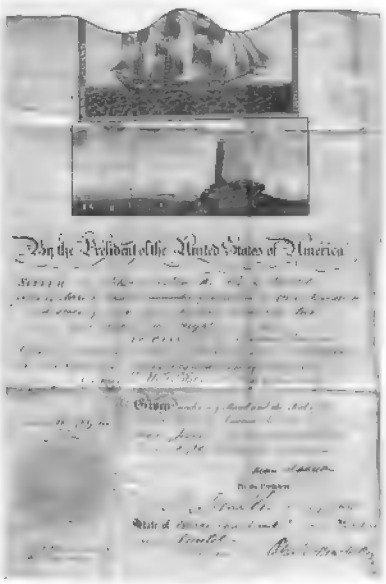
Had Maryland left the Union, Washington D.C. would have feasibly been the sole island of Federal power amidst a sea of rabid Southern sympathizers. To preclude this impending catastrophe, Lincoln had Unionists installed in key political posts in Maryland throughout the summer of 1861. In addition, the writ of *habeas corpus* was suspended, and persons deemed subversive were arrested including Baltimore's mayor and 19 members of the legislature. An excellent signed document from the opening days of the Civil War with great political associations. In fine condition, with intact red wax and paper seal at the lower left. (#) **$7,500**



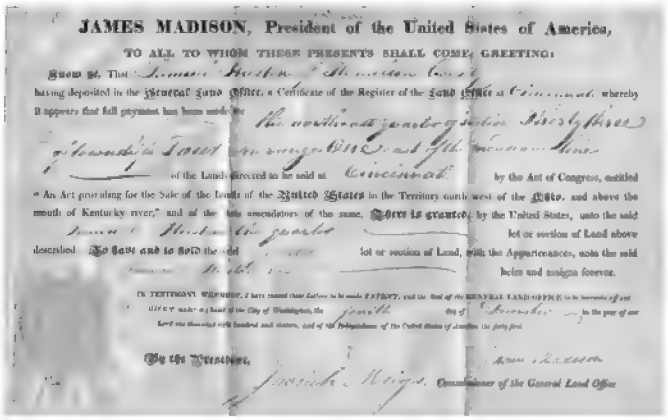
Liszt reveals some of his favorite pieces of music!

78. LISZT, FRANZ. 1811-1886. Hungarian Romantic composer and virtuoso pianist. **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED** with integral **HANDWRITTEN MUSICAL QUOTATION**, in German, Two pages, Octavo, dated July 17, 1876 from Weimar. During this year, Liszt was coping with the deaths of his friend George Sand and the Contesse d'Agoult, the mother of his three children. Writing to an unidentified female correspondent, Liszt pens (in part): *"I cannot grant your Bayreuth wish: it is forbidden to make a trial visit and it would be inappropriate to ignore this prohibition. The excellent work 'Andante and Variations' by E.G. Hirschfeld – Theme here* [Liszt pens four bars of the piece] *I played several times, and the Polonaises by the same composer which he dedicated to me are among my most favorite pieces, of which I don't have too many."* Ornately signed *"F. Liszt"* at the close. Though Liszt here openly admires the work of Hirschfeld, his compositions are largely absent from the modern classical repertoire. Faint age-toning and light foxing; otherwise in fine condition. (#22800) **$3,950**

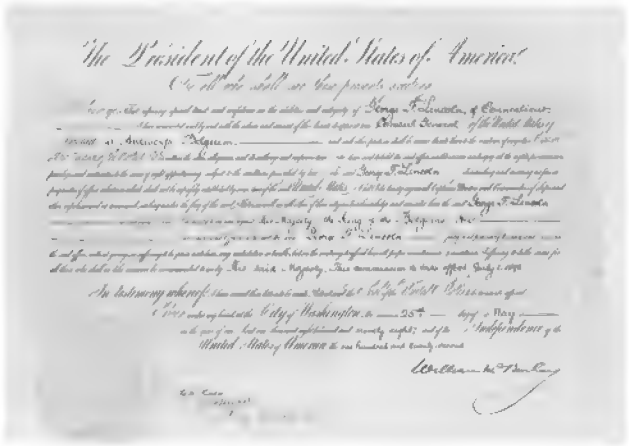
79. LONDON, JACK. 1876-1916. American novelist and short story writer. **SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, 3 3/4 in. x 4 1/4 in., light sepia-tone, of the adventurist on the deck of a ship, wearing a heavy leather jacket. Signed at the lower right in bold black ink, *"Jack London"*. Fine condition. (#23095) **$795**



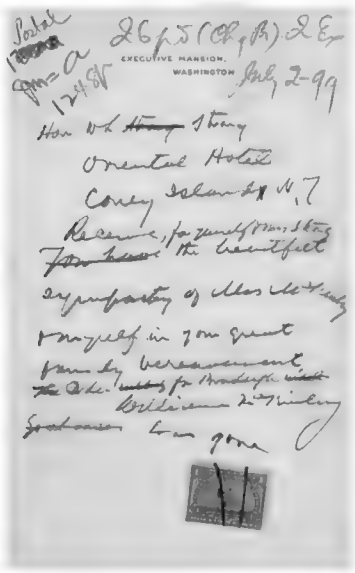
80. MADISON, JAMES. 1751-1836. 4th President of the U.S. (1809-1817). **SCALLOP TOP SHIP'S PASSPORT SIGNED**, approx. 11 in. x 16 in., on vellum, dated June 1, 1811, for the Schooner the "Fly of Bristol" of the burthen of 179 tons, mounted with two guns, navigated with eight men. Signed at the lower right in bold dark ink, *"James Madison"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State Robert Smith. White wafer seal intact at the lower left. Small puncture at upper left, not affecting engraving nor text; otherwise, in excellent condition. (#13910) **$1,950**



81. MADISON, JAMES. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, 8 1/2 in. x 13 in., a land grant dated December 4, 1816, awarding Samuel Huston of Hamilton County [no relation to the Texas statesman], *"The northeast quarter of section thirty three of township Four in range One east of the meridian line"* near Cincinnati. Signed *"James Madison"* at the lower right. In fine condition. (#) **$950**



82. MCKINLEY, WILLIAM. 1843-1901. 25th President of the U.S. (1897-1901). **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, 18 in. x 13 in., dated May 25, 1898, appointing George F. Lincoln of Connecticut to be U.S. Consul General at Antwerp, Belgium. Signed *"William McKinley"* at the lower right, and countersigned by Acting Secretary of State J.B. Moore. Tipped to another leaf. In fine condition, with intact white wafer seal at the lower left. (#) **$695**



83. MCKINLEY, WILLIAM. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT in the form of a telegram, One page, Octavo, on Executive Mansion letterhead, dated July 2, 1899. Written in pencil to former New York Mayor William L. Strong. Among Strong's more memorable appointments was young **Theodore Roosevelt** as Police Commissioner, who at this time was serving as Governor of New York. Within two years, Roosevelt would become Vice President under McKinley. The note is intended as cable communication to Strong, expressing condolences for a recent family loss. *"Hon. W.L. Strong – Oriental Hotel, Coney Island, N.Y. Receive… the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. McKinley & myself in your great family bereavement… William McKinley"*. Superb association in this uncommon handwritten note as President. Cancelled 1-cent stamp at the foot. In very good condition. (#) **$2,500**

The Master of Swing

84. MILLER, GLENN. 1904-1944. American trombonist and band leader. **PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED TWICE**, 5 in. x 7 in., b/w, of Miller looking over his right shoulder while holding his trombone. Signed in black ink at the lower right, *"Glenn Miller"*, and inscribed in pencil on the verso *"To Dottie From Glenn Miller"*. Fine condition. (#23203) **$395**

Highly sensitive to his critic's charges that his work is "whimsical", A.A. Milne seizes the opportunity to sleight them in the course of introducing his new play, which he considers *"the best play which I have written"*

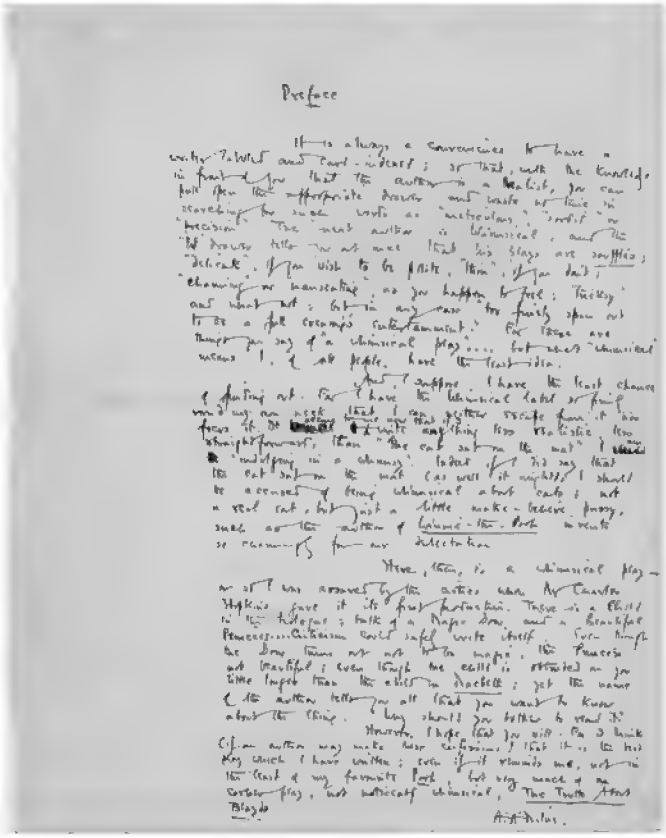
"Indeed if I did say that the cat sat on the mat (as well it might); I should be accused of being whimsical about cats; not a real cat, but just a little make-believe pussy, such as the author of Winnie-the-Pooh invents so charmingly for our delectation"

85. MILNE, A(LAN). A(LEXANDER). 1882-1956. Scottish-born British author, the creator of the children's classic, "Winnie the Pooh". **SUPERB AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT SIGNED,** One page, Quarto, c. 1925. Milne pens (in full):

"Preface

It is always a convenience to have a writer labeled and card-indexed; so that, with the knowledge in front of you that the author is a Realist, you can pull then the appropriate drawer and waste no time in searching for such words as 'meticulous,' 'sordid' or 'precision.' The next author is Whimsical, and the 'W' drawer tells us at once that his plays are 'soufflés,' 'delicate.' If you wish to be polite, 'thin,' if you don't; 'charming' or 'nauseating,' as you happen to feel; 'lucky' and what art; but in any case 'too finely spun out to be a full evening's entertainment.' For these are things you say of a 'whimsical play'.... but what 'whimsical' means I, of all people, have the least idea. And, I suppose, I have the least chance of finding out. For I have the whimsical label so tight round me own neck that I can neither escape from it nor focus it. It seems to me now that if I write anything less realistic less straightforward, than 'the cat sat on the mat' I am 'indulging in a whimsy.' Indeed if I did say that the cat sat on the mat (as well it might); I should be accused of being whimsical about cats; not a real cat, but just a little make-believe pussy, such as the author of Winnie-the-Pooh invents so charmingly for our delectation. Here, then is a whimsical play - or so I was assured by the critics when Mr Charles Hopkins gave it its first Introduction. There is a Child in the prologue; talk of a Magic Door and a Beautiful Princess...Criticism could safely write itself. Even though the Door turns out not to be magic, the Princess not beautiful; even though the child is obtruded on you little longer than the child in Macbeth; yet the name of the author tells you all that you want to know about the thing. Why should you bother to read it? However, I hope that you will. For I think (if an author may make these confessions) that it is the best play which I have written; even if it reminds me, not in the least of my favorite Pooh, but very much of an earlier play, not noticeably whimsical, The Truth About Blayds."

Signed *"A.A. Milne."* at the close. A wonderful slice of A.A. Milne's creative life, in which he shares his consternation at being contritely labeled "whimsical" by his critics, and tantalizes us with the synopsis of a new, much more serious play. Handwritten letters from Milne are scarce; this one, mentioning "Pooh" and having such a delightful joust with both his named and unnamed reviewers, is especially desirable. In very fine condition. (#) **$5,950**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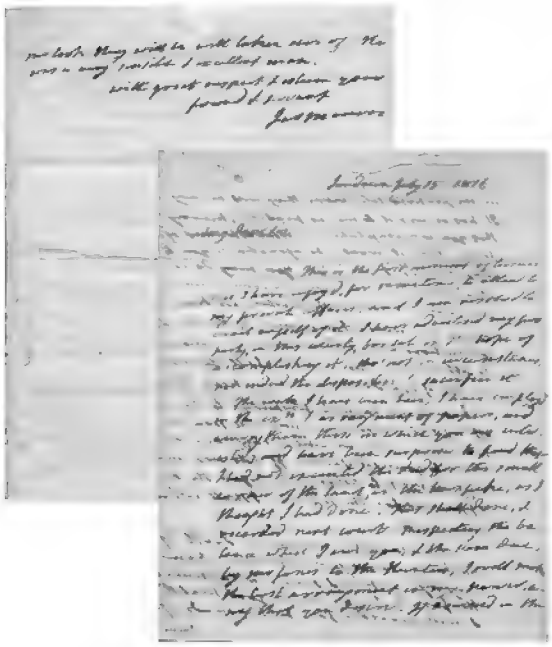

In the year before he would become President, James Monroe attends to the business of his land holdings in Virginia

86. MONROE, JAMES. 1758-1831. 5th President of the U.S. (1817-1825). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, Three pages, Quarto, dated July 15, 1816 from Loudoun, Virginia. Written to an unnamed correspondent. In part:

> *"My dear Sir*
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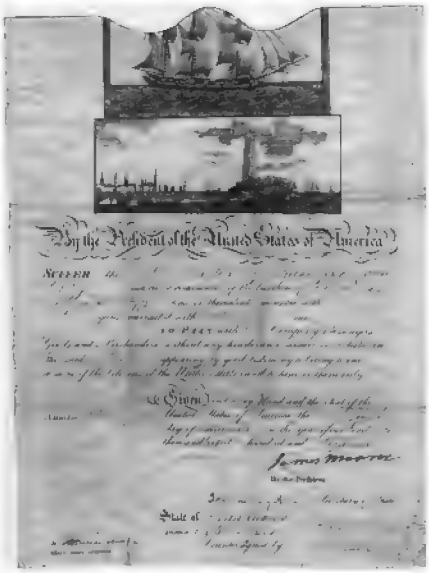
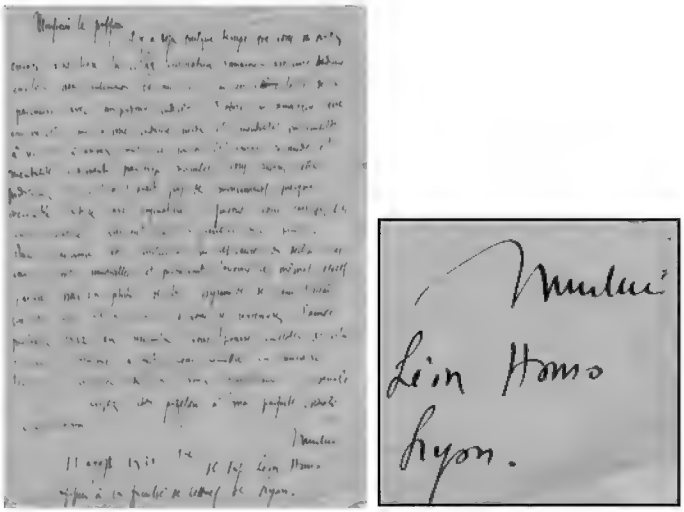
> *This is the first moment of leisure that I have enjoyd, for some time, to attend to my private affairs, and I am resolvd to avail myself of it. I have advertised my property, in this county, for sale in the hope of accomplishing it, tho' not in circumstances nor indeed the disposition to sacrifice it. The week I have been here, I have imployd in the ex[c]h[ange]. & arrangement of papers, and among them those in which you are interested, and have been surprised to find that I had not [included?] the deed for this small corner of the land, or the turnpike, as I thought I had done. This shall be done, & recorded next court… If I do not make a flying visit to Albemarle, before the day appointed for the sale here, I shall return in a week… With great respect & esteem your Friend & servant Jas. Monroe"*

Although the exact identity of the land mentioned in this letter is not known, it is probable that it is a parcel of land associated with the Oak Hill Plantation in Loudoun County, Virginia. Monroe purchased this land jointly with his uncle Judge Joseph Jones of Fredericksburg in 1794. The property consisted of approximately 4,400 acres, and upon the death of his uncle (who had no heirs), Monroe inherited all interests in the land. In 1826, Monroe was forced to sell off most of his holdings in Albemarle County, including his home at the Highlands, to pay off his debts to the United States Bank. He had first attempted to sell the Oak Hill plantation, but was unable to obtain a selling price he found acceptable. Before 1826, the Monroes quite often visited and stayed at the Oak Hill mansion, portions of which were designed by Thomas Jefferson. The mansion has remained in private hands and still stands today. Monroe treated Oak Hill as a primary residence from 1823 until his death on July 4, 1831. [University of Virginia]

Archivally tipped to another leaf; overall, in fine condition. (#) **$2,500**

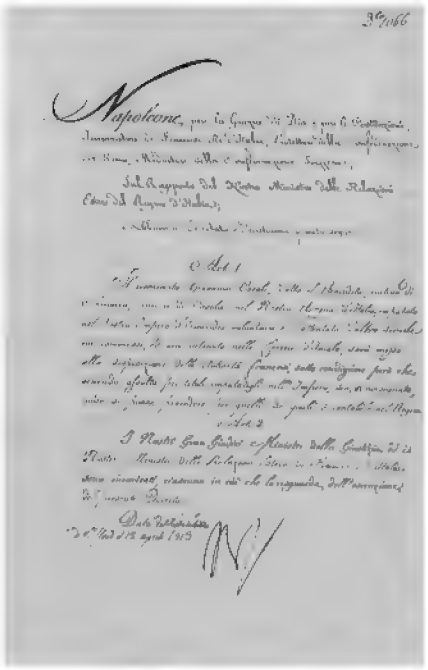


87. MONROE, JAMES AND JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. SCALLOP TOP SHIPS' PASSPORT SIGNED BY BOTH, approx. 10 1/2 in. x 14 in., dated September 4, 1818, allowing unmolested passage for the *"Brig Emeline of Philadelphia, Calvin Tubby master of the burthen of one hundred eighty eight & 48/95 tons mounted with six guns & navigated with Seven men"*. Signed at the lower right, *"James Monroe"* and countersigned by Secretary of State John Quincy Adams. Small hole at the lower right, and general soiling evident; overall, in very good condition. (#) **$2,500**



Swelling with pride, Benito Mussolini boasts of the success that Fascism has brought to Italy, while praising the *"creative virtues that made the greatness of this people"*

88. MUSSOLINI, BENITO. 1883-1945. Italian political leader. **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, 1p, legal folio, written on the version of an official Italian government telegraph form. Dated August 11, 1931, after which Mussolini adds "IX", signifying the ninth year of the Fascist Era. Written to Professor Leon Home of the University of Lyon (France). Mussolini pens (in part): *"Some time already passed from when you sent me the book, 'The Roman Civilization' with a cordial inscription but only today I had the pleasure to read it with deep interest. First I remark that you don't cede to a certain fashion and mentality that tends to deny and to ruin all which has been the Romans: fashion and mentality really too ridiculous…"* Fantastic content from Mussolini, touting the virtues of the Fascist Movement. In fine condition. (#23109) **$2,500**



Napoleon calls for the extradition of an Italian criminal, known as *"the Bandit"*, to France

89. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE. 1769-1821. French military dictator. **MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENT SIGNED**, One page, Folio, dated April 12, 1813. Written in Italian. The document reads (in full):

> *"Napoleon, by the grace of God, and for the Constitutions, Emperor of France, King of Italy, Protector of the Confederation of the Kingdom, Mediator of the Swiss Confederation, Based on the report of the Foreign Relations Minister of the Kingdom of Italy, We have decreed and we decree the following:*
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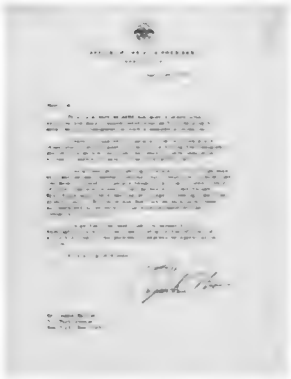
> *The hereby named Giovanni Caroli, known as the Bandit, a native of Samorio, community of Carola, in our Kingdom of Italy, accused in our Empire of voluntary homicide and another similar attempt committed there, and currently detained in the Imola prison, will be handed over to the disposition of the French authorities, but should he be found innocent of the counts charged against him in the Empire, he shall be returned so that we can proceed with the charges for which he is accountable in the Kingdom. Our great justices, Ministers of Justice, and our Foreign Ministers from France and Italy, each is charged with carrying out this decree."*

Signed at the close, *"Nap"*. It is not known what "the Bandit's" final disposition might have been, once he was handed over to the French authorities. Perhaps the guillotine?! In fine condition. (#23172) **$2,500**

90. NICHOLAS II. 1868-1918. Tsar of Russia (1894-1917). **RARE IMPERIAL CABINET PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED AND DATED**, a formal head & shoulders portrait (by photographers Boissonnas Et Eggler), approx. 7 1/8 in. x 10 3/4 in. (image approx. 6 in. x 8 in.) of the last Tsar in military uniform looking to his left. Beneath the image, Nicholas has signed *"Nikolay 1909 2."* in Cyrillic script with his characteristic paraph. Signed portraits of Nicholas II are quite rare; this being the finest example we have encountered. In excellent condition. (#23124) **$5,950**

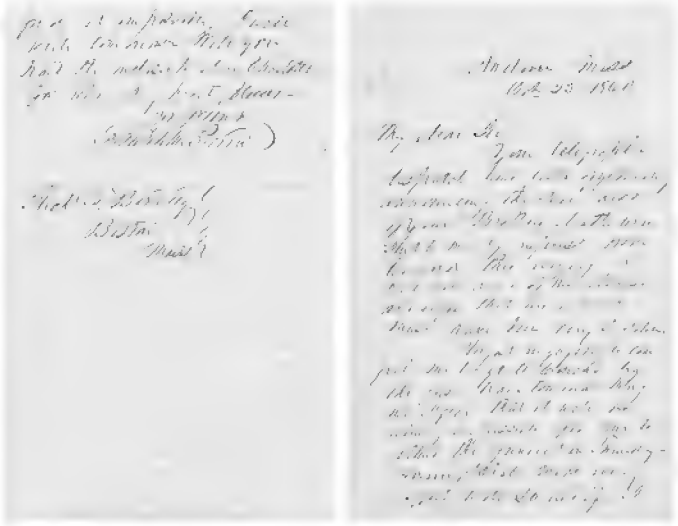


91. NIXON, RICHARD. 1913-1994. 37th President of the U.S. (1969-1974). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS VICE PRESIDENT,** One page, Quarto, on *"Office of the Vice President"* letterhead stationery, April 29, 1953. Written to James Melton of NYC. In part: *"This is a very belated but most sincere note to tell you how much I appreciated your part in helping to make the 1953 Inauguration such a memorable occasion. Literally hundreds of people from California and other states who stopped in the office during the inaugural period told me how thrilled they were to have been able to see in person so many of their favorite stars. I know that participating in events of this typed must at times become somewhat onerous, but I want you to know that you made thousands of people happy by giving so unselfishly of your time and talents. Let me add also that though Mrs. Nixon and I have had the privilege of seeing some fine productions in Hollywood and New York we have never been as impressed as we were by the entertainment at the inaugural festivities. I hope that the next time you happen to visit Washington you will find time to stop by the office for a visit so that I can personally express my appreciation to you. With all good wishes, Sincerely, Dick Nixon"*. Fine condition. (#) **$695**

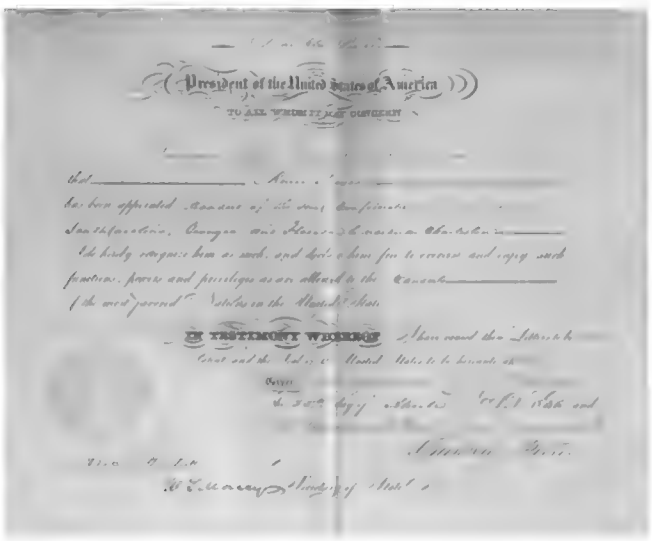
92. NIXON, RICHARD. Vintage SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH, 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, a head and shoulders publicity portrait of the young politician, inscribed to a Republican newspaper editor from San Diego: *"To Fred Speers with appreciation for his friendship and counsel throughout the year and with best wishes from Dick Nixon"*. Some smudging to the text and signature; overall, in good condition. (#22658) **$395**

The Wolf Man!

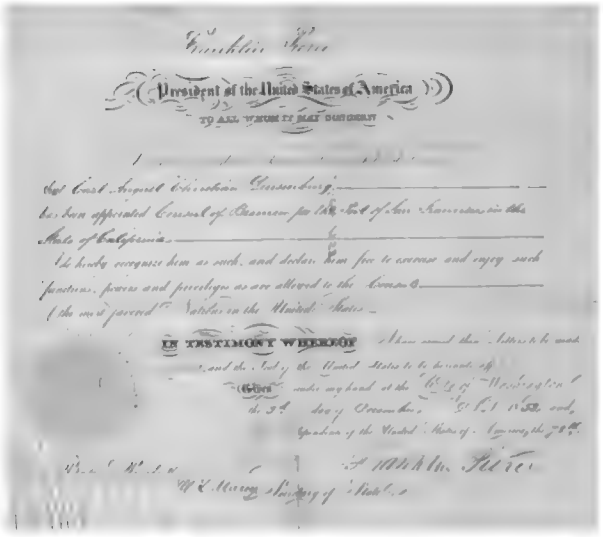
93. OUSPENSKAYA, MARIA. 1876-1949. Russian-born film and stage actress. **SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH**, 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, of the actress in costume as Bela Lugosi's mother "Maleva", from *The Wolf Man* (Universal, 1941). Inscribed vertically at the upper left in black ink, *"To David Bradley – With best wishes for continuous success, Maria Ouspenskaya"*. Fine condition. (#23193) **$950**



94. PIERCE, FRANKLIN. 1804-1869. 14th President of the U.S. (1853-1857). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, Two pages, Octavo, dated October 20, 1860 from Andover, Massachusetts. Written to Richard F. Bond, Esq., of Boston. In part: *"Your telegraphic dispatch and letter of yesterday announcing the sad news of your Brother's death was sent to me by express from Concord this evening. I had not heard of his illness and infer that his attack must have been very sudden. Urgent engagements compel me to go to Concord by the first train tomorrow mng and I fear that it will be utterly impossible for me to attend the funeral on Thursday. However, I shall make every effort to do so, and if I find it impossible, I will write tomorrow. Will you hand the inclosed to dear Charlotte, for whom my heart bleeds. Your friend, Franklin Pierce"*. In fine condition. (#) **$950**

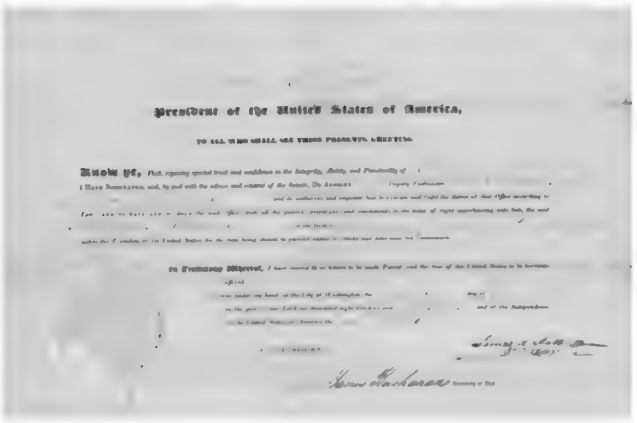


95. PIERCE, FRANKLIN. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 15 in. x 13 in., dated April 25, 1856, appointing Henri Meyer *"Consul of the Swiss Confederation for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, to reside in Charleston"*. Signed boldly at the lower right, *"Franklin Pierce"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State **William L. Marcy**. Minor soiling at the upper left corner, and usual vertical and horizontal creases; on the whole, in very good condition with intact red wax and white wafer seal at the lower left. (#) **$795**

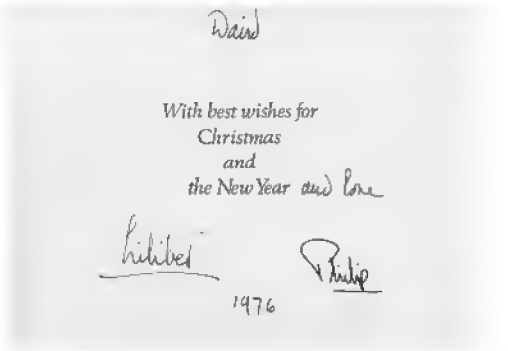

Franklin Pierce
President of the United States of America
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Carl August Christian Dusenburg
has been appointed Consul of Bremen for the Port of San Francisco in the State of California
We hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers and privileges as are allowed to the Consuls of the most favored Nations in the United States.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF
Given under my hand at the City of Washington
this 2nd day of December
Franklin Pierce
By the President
W. L. Marcy Secretary of State

Pres. Pierce recognizes a consulate in San Francisco in the new state of California

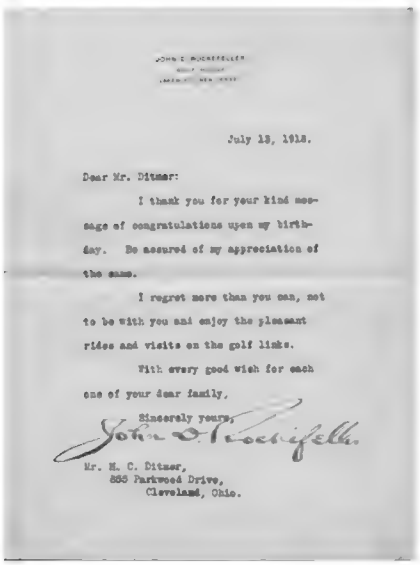
96. PIERCE, FRANKLIN. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 12 in. x 13 3/4 in., dated December 2, 1853, recognizing Carl August Christian Dusenburg as Consul of Bremin for the Port of San Francisco. Signed boldly at the lower right, *"Franklin Pierce"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State William L. Marcy. California had just jointed the U.S. in 1850, shortly after becoming a territory (part of the Mexican Cession), and following the discovery of gold in 1848. In fine condition, with intact red wax and paper seal at the lower left. (#) **$950**


President of the United States of America,
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
Know ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity, Ability, and Punctuality of
I Have Nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Do Appoint
and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that Office according to
the Constitution and Laws of the United States, and to have and to hold the said Office, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him, the said
during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, subject to the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act
to regulate the Tenure of certain Civil Offices," passed March 2, 1867.
In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.
Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
and of the Independence
of the United States the
James K. Polk
By the President
James Buchanan Secretary of State

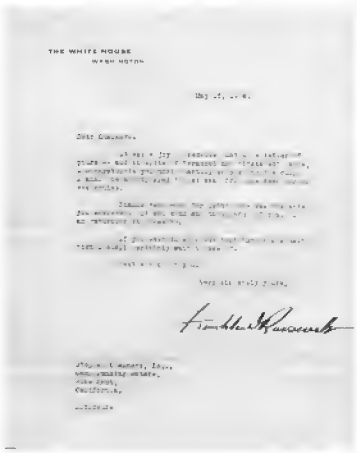
97. POLK, JAMES K. 1795-1849. 11th President of the U.S. (1845-1849). **DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, approx. 14 1/2 in. x 9 3/4 in., dated March 2, 1847, appointing Christopher Hilliard Deputy Postmaster of Hagerstown, Maryland. Signed at the lower right, *"James K Polk"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State and future President **James Buchanan**. Tipped to a larger leaf. In fine condition, with intact red wax and white wafer seal at the lower left. (#) **$2,500**


David
With best wishes for
Christmas
and
the New Year and love
Philip
1976

98. QUEEN ELIZABETH AND PRINCE PHILIP. British royalty. **SIGNED CHRISTMAS CARD**, 8 1/2 in. x 6 in., with royal crests embossed in gold on the front. Card opens to reveal a color photograph of the royal family, opposite of which is printed *"With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year"*. Elizabeth adds *"and Love"*. Inscribed in Elizabeth's hand *"David"*, signed *"Elizabeth – 1976"* and signed *"Philip"*. Fine condition. (#21721) **$795**

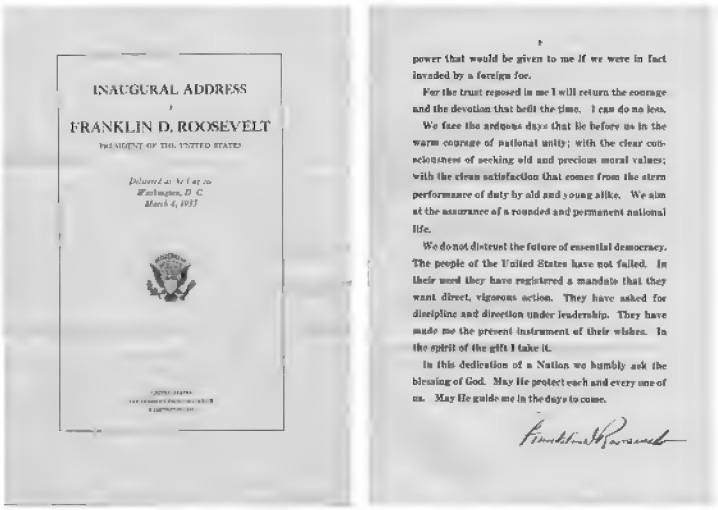

July 13, 1918.
Dear Mr. Ditmer:
I thank you for your kind message of congratulations upon my birthday. Be assured of my appreciation of the same.
I regret more than you can, not to be with you and enjoy the pleasant rides and visits on the golf links.
With every good wish for each one of your dear family,
Sincerely yours,
John D. Rockefeller.
Mr. H. C. Ditmer,
865 Parkwood Drive,
Cleveland, Ohio.

99. ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D. 1839-1937. American oil magnate. **TYPED LETTER SIGNED**, One page, Octavo, on personal letterhead, from Lakewood, NJ, July 13, 1918. Written to H.C. Ditmer, Cleveland, Ohio. *"I thank you for your kind message of congratulations upon my birthday. Be assured of my appreciation of the same. I regret more than you can, not to be with you and enjoy the pleasant rides and visits on the golf links"*. Boldly signed *"John D. Rockefeller"*. In fine condition. The signature is excellent. (#22897) **$950**



FDR looks forward to his upcoming ocean cruise

100. ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D. 1882-1945. 32nd President of the U.S. (1933-1945). **TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated May 16, 1934. Written to Stephen Chalmers of Pine Knot, Calif. *"It was a joy to receive that nice letter of yours – and in spite of 'cracked and blistered' hands, I congratulate you most heartily on opening the camp. I shall be mighty glad to get away from the desk for my sea cruise... If you ever do work out the 'Scots Wha Hae' poem I shall certainly want to see it."* In the summer of 1934, the hard-working President took a respite from his "New Deal" battles with a 14,000 mile cruise on the USS *Houston*, sailing from the Caribbean through the Panama Canal, to Hawaii and finally to Portland, Oregon. He returned to Washington via a transcontinental train trip that had all the fanfare of a political campaign, his Depression-era supporters coming out in droves to catch a glimpse of their savior. Signed in bold black ink, *"Franklin D. Roosevelt"*. In very fine condition. (#23088) **$1,500**


INAUGURAL ADDRESS

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

power that would be given to me if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe.

For the trust reposed in me I will return the courage and the devotion that befit the time. I can do no less.

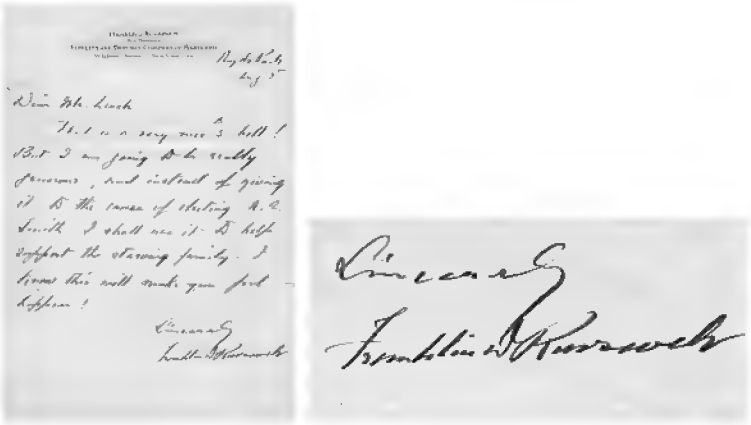
We face the arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values; with the clean satisfaction that comes from the stern performance of duty by old and young alike. We aim at the assurance of a rounded and permanent national life.

We do not distrust the future of essential democracy. The people of the United States have not failed. In their need they have registered a mandate that they want direct, vigorous action. They have asked for discipline and direction under leadership. They have made me the present instrument of their wishes. In the spirit of the gift I take it.

In this dedication of a Nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us. May He guide me in the days to come.

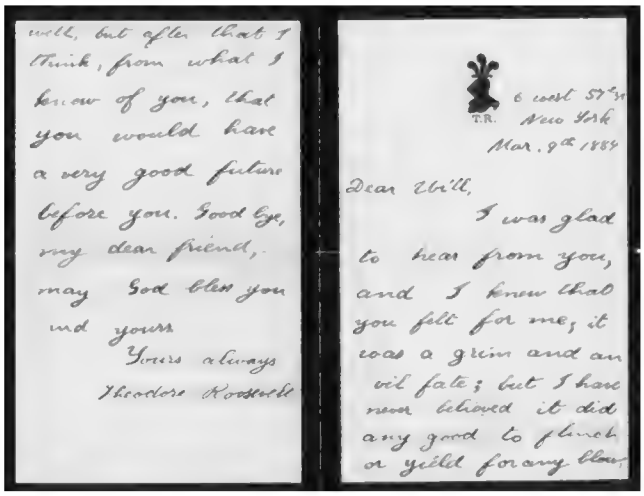
So, first of all, let me assert my firm believe that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself..."

102. ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D. SIGNED INAUGURAL ADDRESS, being a nine-page circular printed by the U.S. GPO, delivered at the Capitol on March 4, 1933. It was this famous speech in which Roosevelt rallied Americans to face the future with courage, and also stated his bold plan for putting people to work in the employment of the Federal government – treating the task as we would treat the emergency of a war – what would later come to be known as the WPA in 1935 under FDR's "New Deal". Signed boldly on the last page in blue ink, *"Franklin D. Roosevelt"*. In fine condition. (#) **$4,950**



FDR accepts a $5 campaign donation for the "Happy Warrior", Alfred E. Smith

101. ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D. AUTOGRAPHED LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, on *"Franklin D. Roosevelt, V.P., Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland"* letterhead stationary, dated *"Aug. 5"* [1928], Hyde Park. *"Dear Mr. Leach - That is a very nice $5 bill! But I am going to be really generous, and instead of giving it to the cause of electing A.E. Smith I shall use it to help support the starving family- I know this will make you feel happier! Sincerely, Franklin D. Roosevelt"*. FDR is of course referring to the second of two failed Presidential bids of Democratic candidate Alfred E. Smith. Four years earlier, it was FDR who brought Smith's name forward as a candidate at the DNC, dubbing him the "Happy Warrior" in one of his most famous political speeches. In fine condition. Full handwritten letters from FDR are very uncommon. (#) **$950**


well, but after that I think, from what I know of you, that you would have a very good future before you. Good bye, my dear friend, may God bless you and yours.
Yours always
Theodore Roosevelt

T.R.
6 west 57th St
New York
Mar. 9th 1884

Dear Will,
I was glad to hear from you, and I knew that you felt for me; it was a grim and an evil fate; but I have never believed it did any good to flinch or yield for any blow

Young Teddy Roosevelt mourns the deaths of his wife and his mother, both of whom passed away on the same day in February 1884

103. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. 1858-1919. 26th President of the U.S. (1901-1909). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, as New York State Assemblyman, Four pages, Octavo, on personal black-bordered mourning stationery, dated March 9, 1884 from New York. Written to William Seawall of Island Falls, Maine; includes the original transmittal envelope also completed in Roosevelt's hand.

Just three weeks earlier (Valentine's Day, February 14, 1884), Roosevelt's first wife, Alice, died from Bright's Disease and childbirth complications; it was the fourth anniversary of their engagement. Tragically, on the same day and in the same house, Roosevelt's mother Martha also passed away, from typhoid fever. Roosevelt pens (in full):

> *"Dear Will, I was glad to hear from you, and I knew that you felt for me; it was a grim and an evil fate; but I have never believed it did any good to flinch or yield for any blow, nor does it lighten the pain to cease from working. I have thought often of you. I hope my western venture turns out well; if it does, and I feel sure that you will do well for yourself by coming out with me, I shall take you and Will Dow out next August. Of course it depends upon how the cattle have gotten through this winter. The weather has been very hard and I am afraid they have suffered somewhat; if the loss has been very heavy, I will have to wait a year longer before going into it on a more extended scale, so as yet the plan is doubtful. If you went out, the first year you could not expect to do very well, but after that I think, from what I know of you, that you would have a very good future before you. Good bye, my dear friend, may God bless you and yours. Yours always, Theodore Roosevelt"*

The deaths of the two women most dear to Roosevelt's heart greatly affected the young, up-and-coming politician. Losing the taste for civil service, he and his infant daughter Alice (who had survived the difficult birth) moved to Dakota Territory where Roosevelt worked as a cattle rancher. It would be two years before he returned to New York politics, running for mayor against Abram Hewitt (TR was defeated). A poignant letter from Roosevelt at this difficult time. In fine condition with clear, bright text. (#22973) **$9,500**

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1905.

Personal.

My dear Davis:

I wish I could go to such a lunch as you suggest, but it is out of the question. I have promised Joe Bishop to lunch with him at the University Club on the 14th, and that is the only opportunity I shall have to dodge the official banquets, which of course are pure work with no fun to them. I am so glad you are to be at San Antonio as well as to the inauguration. I shall put you on the list for inauguration as a matter of course; and, as the time comes, let me know what certificate you want to guarantee your seeing everything, and I shall give it to you.

Sincerely yours,

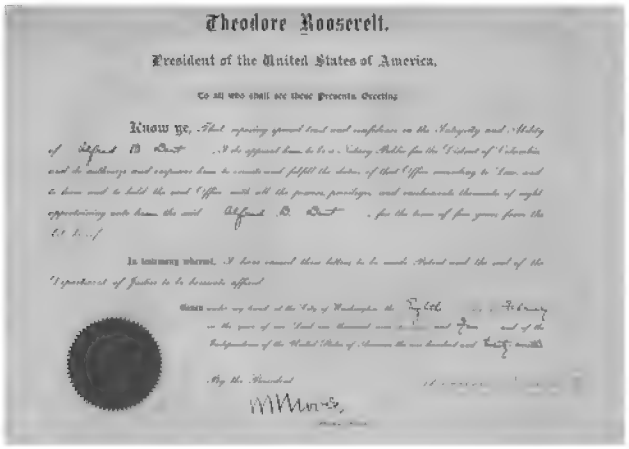
Theodore Roosevelt

Mr. Richard Harding Davis,
Wilton, Fairfax County,

Teddy Roosevelt ensures that a friend will have a good seat at his first Inauguration (March 4, 1905)

104. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated Feb. 1, 1905. Marked *"Personal"* at the head. Written to *"My dear Davis"* – perhaps *New York Herald* reporter Richard Harding Davis, who was with Roosevelt in Tampa while the Rough Riders were making war preparations: *I wish I could go to such a lunch as you suggest, but it is out of the question. I have promised Joe Bishop to lunch with him at the University Club on the 14th, and that is the only opportunity I shall have to dodge the official banquets, which of course are pure work with no fun to them. I am so glad you are to be at San Antonio as well as to the inauguration. I shall put you on the list for inauguration as a matter of course; and, as the time comes, let me know what certificate you want to guarantee your seeing everything, and I shall give it to you. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt"*. In fine condition. (#) **$795**

105. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 8 1/2 in. x 12 in. (oval image approx. 5 1/4 x 7 1/4 in.), a formal sepia-tone head & shoulders portrait of the dapper President wearing coat & tie, along with his trademark pince-nez. Inscribed in ink (beneath the image), *"To Gardiner Lathrop Esq with the regards of Theodore Roosevelt May 18th 1905"*. Some emulsion cracking on lower portion of image, and photographer's matte exhibits some chipping at the foot; otherwise, in good condition. (#23175) **$795**


Theodore Roosevelt.

President of the United States of America,

To all who shall see these Presents, Greeting:

Know ye, That reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity and Ability of Alfred B. Dent ... I do appoint him to be a Notary Public for the District of Columbia and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that Office according to Law; and to have and to hold the said Office with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him the said Alfred B. Dent ... for the term of four years from the ... day of ...

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made Patent and the seal of the Department of Justice to be hereunto affixed.

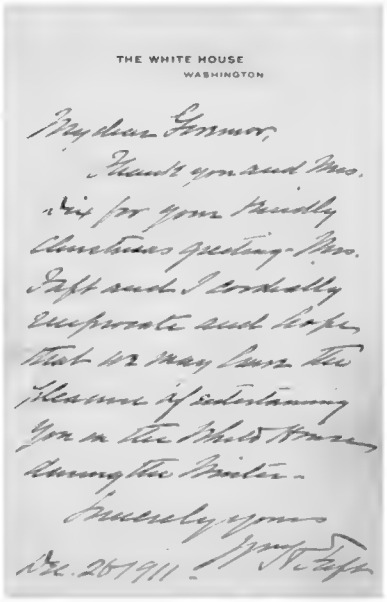
Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this ... day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-ninth.

By the President:

106. ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 18 1/2 in. x 14 in., dated February 8, 1905, appointing Alfred B. Dent to be Notary Public for the District of Columbia. Signed boldly at the lower right *"Theodore Roosevelt"*, and countersigned by Attorney General William H. Moody (who later became a Supreme Court Justice). Tipped to another leaf. In very fine condition, with intact red wax Department of Justice seal at the lower left. (#) **$695**

A Charlie Brown Christmas

107. SCHULZ, CHARLES M. 1922-2000. American cartoonist. **SIGNED PUBLICITY STILL**, being an 8 in. x 10 in. color image with red background from the first Charlie Brown TV special, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965). The image shows Charlie Brown on a ladder held by Lucy (now isn't that a dangerous choice for a helper!), his arms outstretched so that Snoopy can place the crowning star on the Christmas tree, while Linus and the "Little Red Haired Girl" look on. Signed on the image by Charles Schulz, along with animator Bill Melendez and the original voice of Charlie Brown, Peter Robbins, who adds *"Good Grief!"* In very fine condition. (#22663) **$950**


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

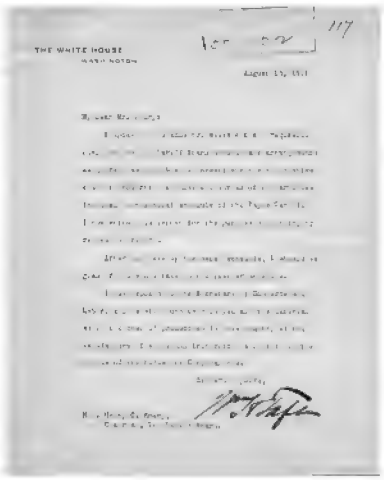
My dear Governor,

Thank you and Mrs. Dix for your kindly Christmas greeting. Mrs. Taft and I cordially reciprocate and hope that we may have the pleasure of entertaining you in the White House during the Winter.

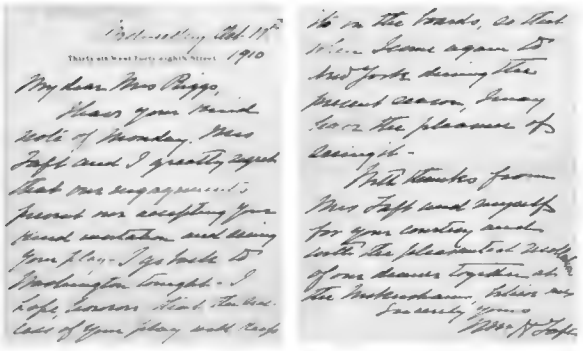
Sincerely yours,

Dec. 20th 1911.

108. TAFT, WILLIAM H. 1857-1930. 27th President of the U.S. (1909-1913). **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Octavo, on White House stationery, dated December 20, 1911. Written to New York Gov. John A. Dix (1860-1928, served 1911-13). *"Thank you and Mrs. Dix for your kindly Christmas greeting. Mrs. Taft and I cordially reciprocate and hope that we may have the pleasure of entertaining you in the White House during the Winter. Sincerely yours, Wm. H. Taft"*. Minor soiling; on the whole, in fine condition. A nice one-page ALS as President, written to the sitting governor of NY. (#22892) **$3,500**


THE WHITE HOUSE

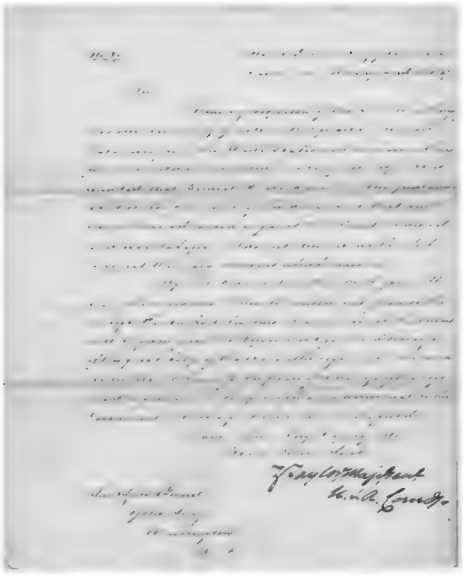
109. TAFT, WILLIAM H. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated August 16, 1911. Written to chairman of Tariff Board, Henry C. Emery (in part): *"I spoke to you some two weeks ago and requested that you and the Tariff Board should make arrangements as quickly as possible to investigate the comparative cost of production at home and abroad of the articles included in the metal schedule of the Payne Tariff. I now write this letter for the purpose of putting my request on record"*. Signed at the close in black ink, *"Wm H Taft"*. In fine condition. Also includes a companion letter from Emery, written in response. (#23080) **$495**



Pres. and Mrs. Taft regret that they will miss a performance of Kate Douglas Wiggin's play, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*

110. TAFT, WILLIAM H. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, Two pages, Octavo, dated October 19, 1910. Written to author and educator **Kate Douglas Wiggin** (1856-1953). Taft pens (in full): *"My dear Mrs. Riggs, Here's your kind note of Monday. Mrs. Taft and I greatly regret that that our engagements prevent our accepting your kind invitation and seeing your play - I go back to Washington tonight. I hope, however, that the success of your play* [Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm] *will keep it on the boards, so that when I come again to New York during the present season, I may have the pleasure of seeing it. With thanks from Mrs. Taft and myself for your courtesy and with the pleasentest recollection of our discusses together at the McKushans, believe me Sincerely yours, William H. Taft"*. The play to which Taft is referring was based on one of Wiggin's most successful children's books, first published in 1903. In fine condition. (#) **$2,950**

111. TAFT, WILLIAM H. PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 8 3/4 in. x 12 in. (image approx. 6 in. x 9 in.), a formal sepia-tone head & shoulders portrait of the President wearing coat & tie. Inscribed in black ink (beneath the image), *"For my friend Gardiner Lathrop with affectionate regard Wm. H. Taft Dec 23 1910"*. In fine condition. (#23176) **$495**

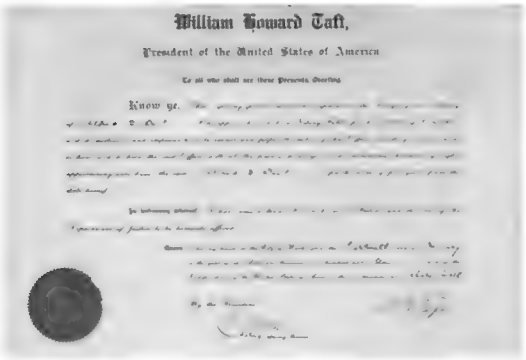


Just two months after defeating Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista (February 23, 1847), General Zachary Taylor hears that the Mexican general has strangely been proclaimed "Dictator" by his army

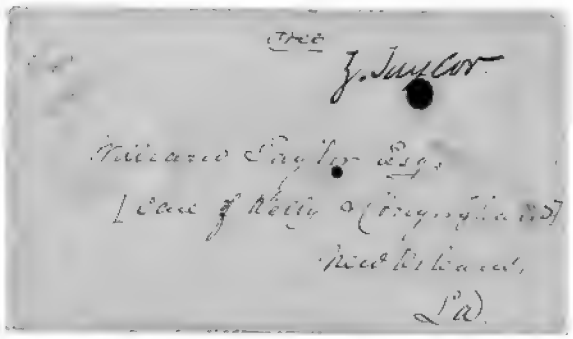
112. TAYLOR, ZACHARY. 1784-1850. 12th President of the U.S. (March, 1849-July, 1850). **SUPERB MEXICAN WAR-DATE LETTER SIGNED**, One page, Quarto, dated April 11, 1847 from *"Camp near Monterrey* [Mexico]*"*. Written to the Adjutant General of the Army in Washington, D.C. Taylor writes (in full):

> *"Sir, Since my despatch of the 4th inst nothing has occurred worthy of note in this quarter. The mail has arrived from the United States and we have nothing from the interior upon which we can fully rely. It is reported that General Santa Anna has been proclaimed Dictator by a part of the Army, and that our troops have advanced as far as the Puente Nacional and even Jalapa. I do not deem it worth while to repeat the many rumors which reach us. By the orders sent in this mail you will learn the measures taken to muster out of service the 1st Regt. Kentucky Volunteers. I cannot doubt that orders will be given from the Department for the discharge of the great body of the 12 months regiments. I have selected New Orleans for the place of discharge of the regiment in question; it being much more economical to the Government to discharge it there than in the field... Your Obedt. Servt., Z. Taylor, Maj. Genl"*

An excellent war-date letter from Taylor, reporting on rumors that Santa Anna had been christened "Dictator". It is interesting to note that at the present time, Taylor and President Polk were at odds with one another for the former's perceived leniency toward the Mexicans after the Battle of Resaca de la Palma. However, Taylor's victory at Buena Vista bought him national acclaim and a groundswell of popular support back home, which would vault him to the Presidency just one year later. In very fine condition. (#22496) **$3,950**

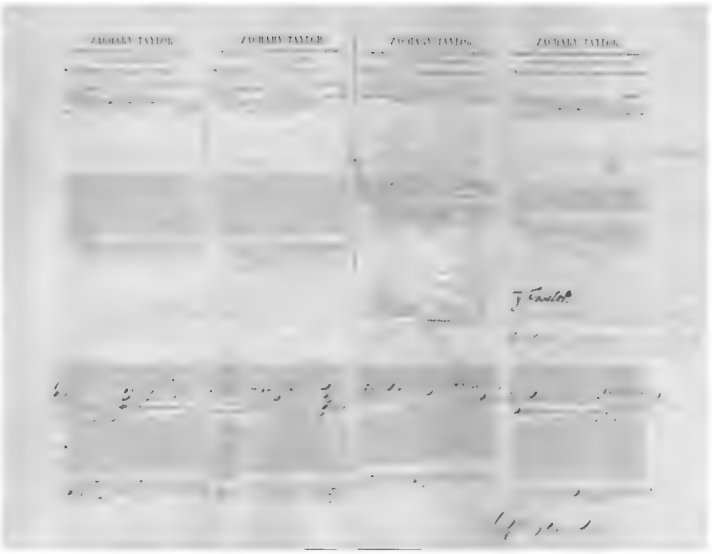

William Howard Taft,
President of the United States of America

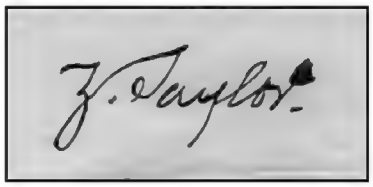
113. TAFT, WILLIAM H. DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 18 1/2 in. x 14 in., dated January 18, 1910, appointing Alfred B. Dent to be Notary Public for the District of Columbia. Signed boldly at the lower right *"Wm H Taft"*, and countersigned by Acting Attorney General Lloyd Bowers. Tipped to another leaf. In very fine condition, with intact red wax Department of Justice seal at the lower left. (#) **$395**



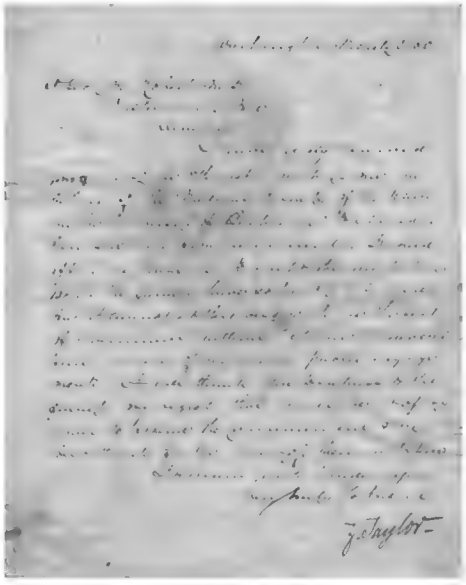
114. TAYLOR, ZACHARY. FREE FRANKED ENVELOPE AS PRESIDENT, from a piece of correspondence to William Taylor, Esq. [most likely a nephew] Signed *"Z. Taylor"* at the upper left corner. Some soiling, and original ink blot just below the signature, and horizontal tear extending from the blot to the edge just underneath the signature; otherwise, in very good condition. (#) **$2,500**

115. TAYLOR, ZACHARY. LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, dated March 9, 1850 from Washington. Written to Dr. George M. Roberts of Baltimore, Maryland. *"Dear Sir, I have duly received your favor of the 5th inst. inviting me in behalf of the 'Medical Faculty of the Washington University of Baltimore' to attend their ensuing commencement. It would afford me pleasure to accept the invitation which the faculty have so kindly extended, but I cannot at this season leave the seat of Government without extreme inconvenience in view of my many public engagements. I will thank you to express to the faculty my regret that it will be out of my power to attend the Commencement & my heart felt thanks for the honor of their invitation I remain with kindest regards, Very Truly Your friend, Z. Taylor"*. Some soiling, and minor holes about the center; overall, in very good condition. (#) **$3,950**





116. TAYLOR, ZACHARY. WHALING DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Folio (approx. 21 1/4 in. x 16 1/2 in.), dated December 26, 1849. The document, a **Four Language Ships' Papers**, grants permission and leave to Timothy Harland, Master or Commander of the Bark *Cantin Packet* bound for Pacific Ocean, laden with Provisions, stores and utensils for a whaling voyage. The document is printed in four languages: English, Dutch, French and Spanish. Ships' papers were required of all ships leaving American ports, and contained information on the cargoes of America's schooners, four-masters, and other sailing vessels. Countersigned by Secretary of State **John M. Clayton**. Intact white wafer Presidential seal affixed to center right. The document is archivally hinged to another leaf (easily removed). In mint condition. The signature of Taylor is exceptional. (#) **$6,500**



117. TEMPLE, SHIRLEY. b. 1928. Child film star. **MAGNIFICENT OVERSIZE VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED**, a cute 11 in. x 14 in. sepia-tone head & shoulders portrait of the smiling dimpled child star, about age 7, who is shown with her trademark curls looking off-camera while leaning her face against her hand. Inscribed (on the image) in black ink, *"To The Insider love Shirley Temple"* in her early cursive handwriting. Oversized signed portraits of Temple from this era are highly desirable and difficult to come by. This example is one of the finest we have encountered. In excellent condition. The signature and inscription are absolutely gorgeous! (#23190) **$2,500**

WWII's most infamous voice, Tokyo Rose, readjusts to freedom after serving a six-year sentence for treason

118. TOKYO ROSE [IVA IKUKO TOGURI D'AQUINO]. 1916-? American-born WWII traitor. **RARE AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, Two pages, Quarto, from Chicago, dated February 11, 1956. The letter is written just one month after her release from prison, where she was serving a six-year sentence for her treasonous deeds while in WWII Japan. In full:

"Dear Mrs. Adams,

It has been quite some time & even the tho I had wanted to write sooner I just wasn't in the mood to do so. It has taken a little time to get together, mentally as well as physically.

I suppose you've read every thing that came up & perhaps are wondering about a lot of things. All I can say is time will tell. No one knows just what is going to happen, It seems that I am not destined for a quiet, normal existence Oh well, it seems as if God has routed out certain roads for me to travel. I've made up my mind to it. Come what may, I guess I'll be able to take it. Due to all this mess I am more or less keeping quiet until things quiet down itself. I won't be doing much for the time being. Please let our mutual friend from Texas know that I have been thinking of her & tell her not to worry; one of us to worry is sufficient I hope she will understand. And you too! It has been most enjoyable to get into the swing of a different world no restrictions like before. I certainly haven't retired early at nites & have gotten my fill of TV & Cokes & being relaxed. The weather here has been good & bad Off & on; today it has been snowing all day & there isn't much activity.

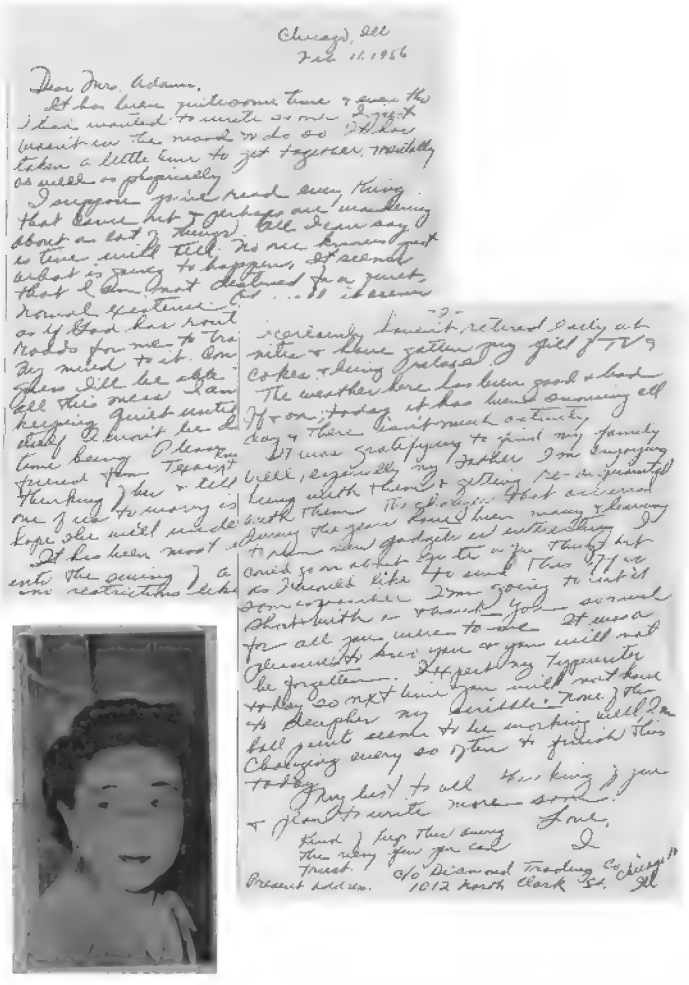
It was gratifying to find my family Well, especially my Father. I'm enjoying being with them & getting re-acquainted with them. The change that occurred during the years have been many & learning to run new gadgets is interesting. I could go on about quite a few things but as I would like to send this off as soon as possible I'm going to cut it short with a thank you so much for all you were to me. It was a pleasure to know you & you will not be forgotten. I expect my typewriter today so next time you will not have to decipher my scribble. None of the ball points seem to be working well I'm changing every so often to finish this today

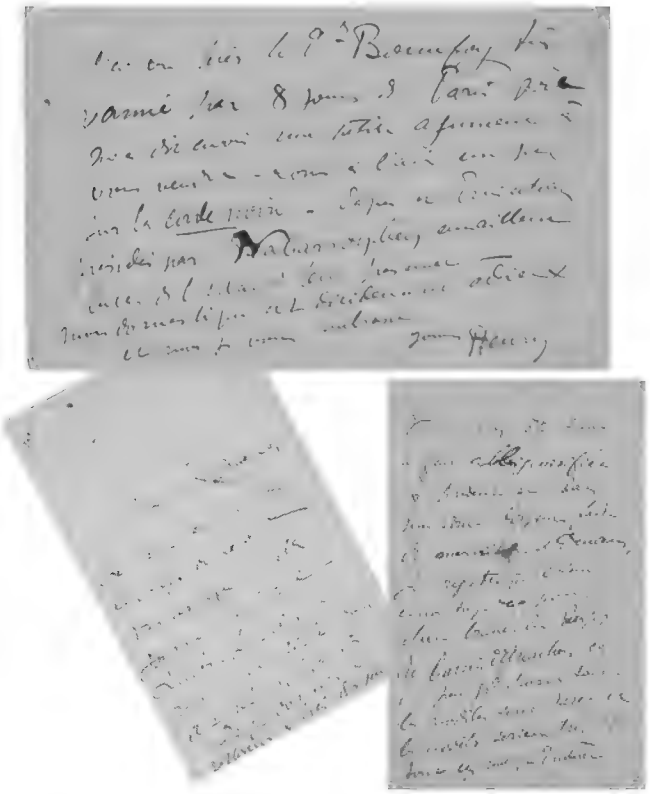
My best to all thinking of you & plan to write more soon.

Love, I

Kind of keep this among the very few you can trust
Present address: c/o Diamond Trading Co, 1012 North Clark St. Chicago 10 Ill."

A fantastic and quite rare letter from the infamous Tokyo Rose, whose soothing, sultry voice floated Japanese propaganda over the airwaves to American G.I.'s during WWII. It is also interesting to note that she is expecting delivery of her typewriter, which suggests that her handwritten letters are few! In very fine condition. Comes with a contemporary newspaper clipping from the Ft. Lauderdale News (most likely the hometown of the addressee, Mrs. Davis), discussing the release of "Tokyo Rose" from prison. (#) **$1,250**





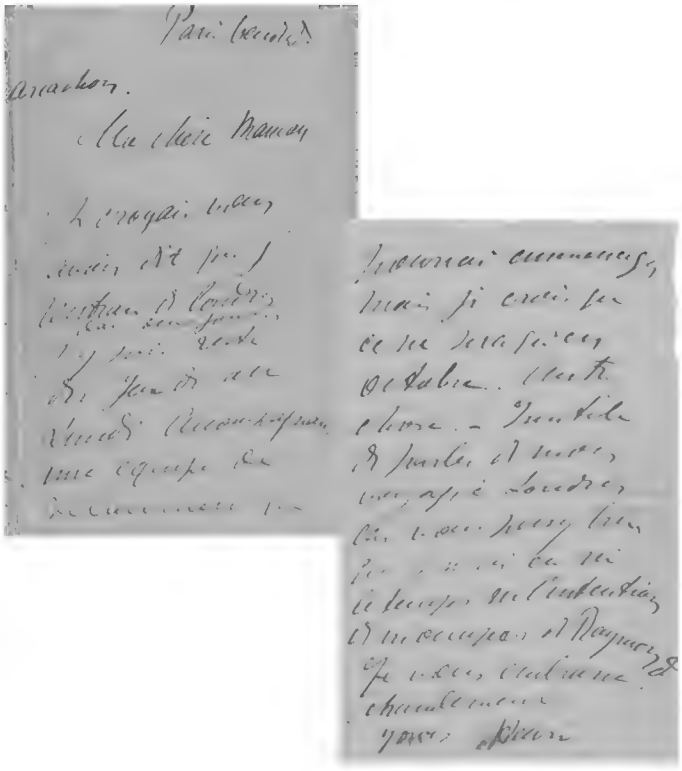
Henri Toulouse-Lautrec is pleased with opening of the Salon des Indépéndants:

"I am still in the throes of the second preview. What a day!! But what a success..."

119. TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, HENRI DE. 1864–1901. French painter. **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED** *"Henry"*, Three pages, Octavo, c. March-April, 1890 from Paris. Written to his mother in French.

"My dear Mama, I am still in the throes of the second preview. What a day!! But what a success. The exhibition received a slap that it will recover from perhaps, but that will give it a great deal to think about. You have been completely Albified...and in my...torpor.... I regret that it is still too soon to go brave the dangers of the Arcachon basin, since there is not much to do here. The models are rare and the reliable models are very rare, whence this lack of interest. Yesterday I saw Dr. Bonnefoy, very knocked out from his 8 days in Paris, who [illegible] send a little...to sell you. Louis looks a bit on the depressed side. ...presided over by Nabarroy-bey enameler...the brilliance of their presence – My servant is truly obnoxious. And me, I send you my love, Yours, Henri"

In fine condition. (#) **$6,950**

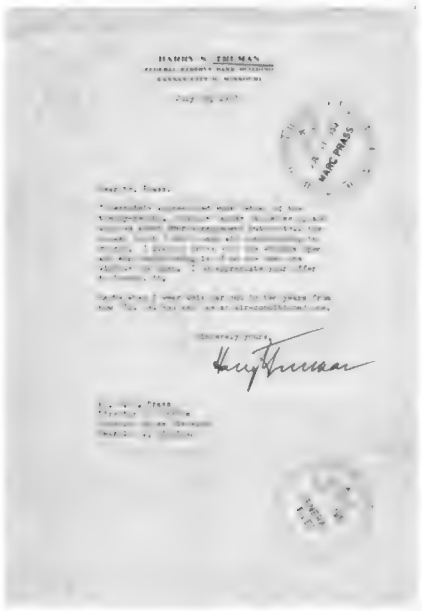


Henri Toulouse-Lautrec returns to Paris after a trip to London to sketch bicycles for an advertiser

120. TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, HENRI DE. 1864-1901. French painter. **AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED** *"Henri"*, Six pages, Octavo, dated only *"Friday"*, from Paris. At this time, Toulouse-Lautrec had just returned form London, where he was sketching bicycles for an advertising poster for the Simpson's Lever Chain manufacturing company. Written to his mother in French.

"My dear Mama, I thought I had told you that I was coming back from London in two days. I stayed there from Thursday through Monday, accompanying a team of cyclists who went to defend the flag on the other side of the strait. I spent 3 days outdoors and returned here to do a poster announcing The Simpson's Lever Chain, which does not look likely to be a resounding success. Paris, after two days of rain, has become quite a rotis-serie again. I would really like to go breathe some fresh air for a while. Another thing. Grubert and I have leased a chalet for the meeting in Arcachon. If you can, you need to send us a half-cask of wine to the address of Mr. Bramiens, the rental agent in Arcachon, who will have it bot-tled. I would like my money. Julien may send for his ball and chain, but I do not think he will. If you send the wine, let me know so I can take the appropriate steps. Another thing. I do not really remember how much dough you put at my disposal. If you can send me 500, it would suit me fine to polish off a few good meals before I leave. The sooner the better. Another thing. I do not know when I can start, but I think it will not be until October. It is pointless to talk about my trip to London, because you realize that I have had neither the time nor the inclination to deal with Raymond. All my love. Yours, Henri"

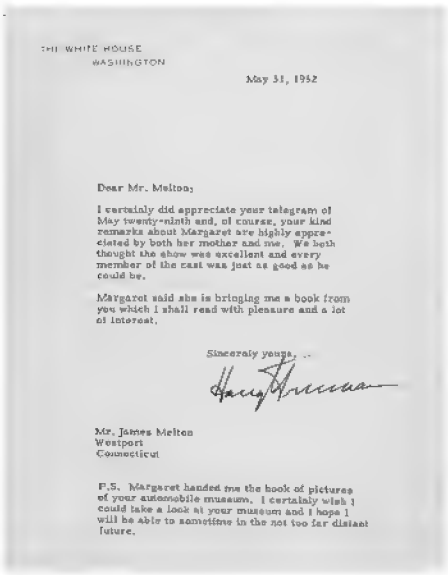
In fine conditoin. (#) **$5,950**



Harry Truman has no need for automotive air conditioning!!

"...to tell the honest truth I don't want air conditioning in my car. I like to drive with the windows open"

121. TRUMAN, HARRY S. TYPED LETTER SIGNED. 33rd President of the U.S. (1945-1953). One page, Quarto, on personal letterhead stationery, July 28, 1953. Written to a sales executive at Chrysler Motors. *"Charlie Haynes called me up and told me about your arrangement but to tell the honest truth I don't want air conditioning in my car. I like to drive with the windows open and air conditioning is of no use when the windows are open. I do appreciate your offer to install it. Maybe when I wear this car out in ten years from now I'll let you sell me an air-conditioned one. Sincerely yours, Harry S. Truman"*. A wonderful letter from Truman, who plans to get ten years of faithful use out of his car! Some soiling; otherwise, in fine condition. (#23161) **$1,500**


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 31, 1952

Dear Mr. Melton:

I certainly did appreciate your telegram of May twenty-ninth and, of course, your kind remarks about Margaret are highly appreciated by both her mother and me. We both thought the show was excellent and every member of the cast was just as good as he could be.

Margaret said she is bringing me a book from you which I shall read with pleasure and a lot of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

Mr. James Melton
Westport
Connecticut

P.S. Margaret handed me the book of pictures of your automobile museum. I certainly wish I could take a look at your museum and I hope I will be able to sometime in the not too far distant future.

Truman thanks actor James Melton for his kinds words about his daughter Margaret, a coloratura soprano then making a name for herself as a soloist

123. TRUMAN, HARRY S. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House stationary, dated May 31, 1952. Written to Mr. James Melton of Westport, Truman writes (in full): *"Dear Mr. Melton: I certainly did appreciate your telegram of May twenty-ninth and, of course, your kind remarks about Margaret are highly appreciated by both her mother and me. We both thought the show was excellent and every member of the cast was just as good as he could be. Margaret said she is bringing me a book from you which I shall read with pleasure and a lot of interest. Sincerely yours, Harry S. Truman. P.S. Margaret handed me the book of pictures of your automobile museum. I certainly wish I could take look at your museum and I hope I will be able to sometime in the not too far distant future."* During Truman's presidency, his daughter Margaret embarked upon a career as an operatic singer, appearing with a number of renowned national orchestras. Extremely sensitive to criticism of his family, Truman once sent a heated letter to Washington Post music critic Paul Hume, who had written a somewhat less-than-flattering review of one of Margaret's performances. In it, the President threatened: *"I never met you, but if I do you'll need a new nose and a supporter below."* A wonderful letter from Truman regarding his only child. In fine condition. **$1,500**

"The attack on Mr. Lincoln didn't have any more effect on his re-election than the attack of the Post Dispatch had on me in nineteen hundred and forty-eight"

122. TRUMAN, HARRY S. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, on White House letterhead, dated October 11, 1951. Written to Ed Harris of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. *"Dear Ed: Thanks a lot for the booklet on Mr. Lincoln's re-election. I don't know when I've enjoyed reading anything more than I did that. As you know, Mrs. Lincoln was the most persecuted woman who ever lived in the White House and the article about her in the back of the booklet, that you sent me, is a sample of what they did to her all over the country. The attack on Mr. Lincoln didn't have any more effect on his re-election than the attack of the Post Dispatch had on me in nineteen hundred and forty-eight. Sincerely yours, Harry Truman"*. A fantastic, dry-witted jibe from the President! In very fine condition. (#) **$950**

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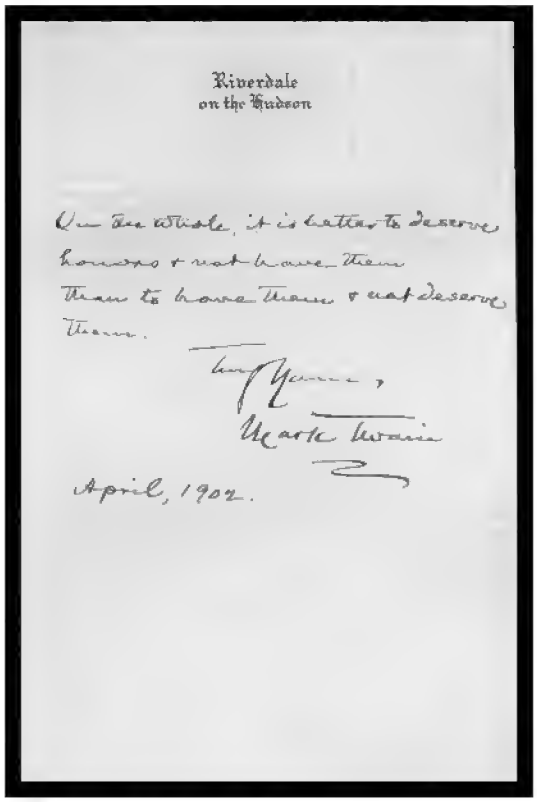
Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

Mr. Ed Harris
Saint Louis Post-Dispatch
Washington Bureau
1812 H Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

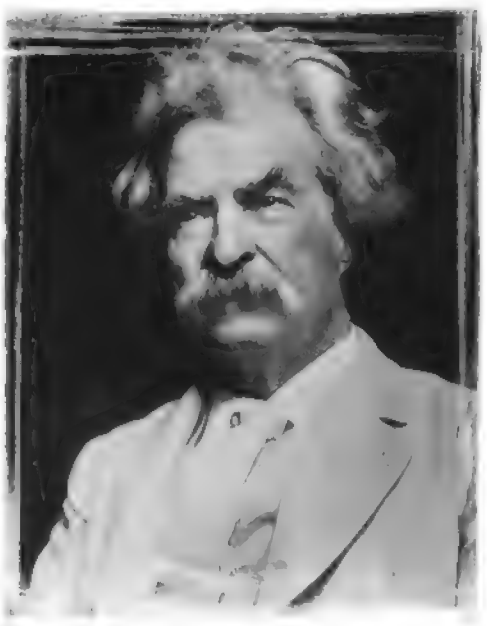
124. TRUMAN, HARRY S. TYPED LETTER SIGNED *"Harry"*, One page, Quarto, on personal letterhead stationery, May 25, 1954. Written to Missouri Supreme Court Justice Ernest M. Tipton, thanking him for a recent letter regarding Truman's 70th birthday celebration. In brief part: *"Take care of yourself and do exactly as the doctor orders and you can live just as long as anybody. If you don't take care of yourself I am going to be out some expense for flowers!"* Signed *"Harry"*. In fine condition. (#11561) **$295**

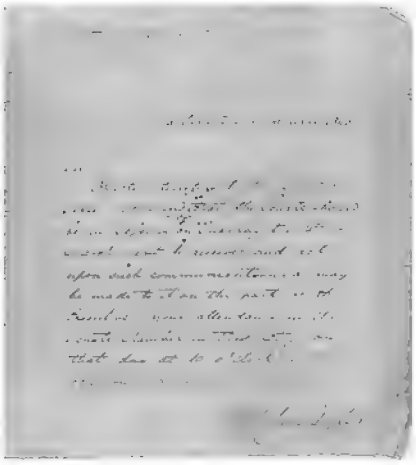
125. TRUMAN, HARRY S. TYPED DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, Two pages, Folio, dated January 21, 1948, addressed "To the Senate of the United States". The document reads (in part): *"To the end that I may receive the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith a protocol for the extension for one year from October 1, 1947, subject to certain conditions, of the Inter-American Coffee Agreement signed in Washington on November 1, 1947. It was signed during that period for the United States of America, subject to ratification, and for the fourteen other American Republics which became parties to the Inter-American Coffee Agreement."* Signed boldly at the close in dark black ink, *"Harry S. Truman"*. In fine condition. (#) **$950**



"On the whole, it is better to deserve honors & not have them than to have them & not deserve them"

126. TWAIN, MARK. 1835-1910. American humorist, lecturer and writer. **AUTOGRAPH APHORISM SIGNED**, penned on a single Octavo leaf of black-bordered mourning stationery, dated April, 1902. *"On the whole, it is better to deserve honors & not have them than to have them & not deserve them. Truly yours, Mark Twain"*. In fine condition with an exceptional signature. (#) **$5,950**

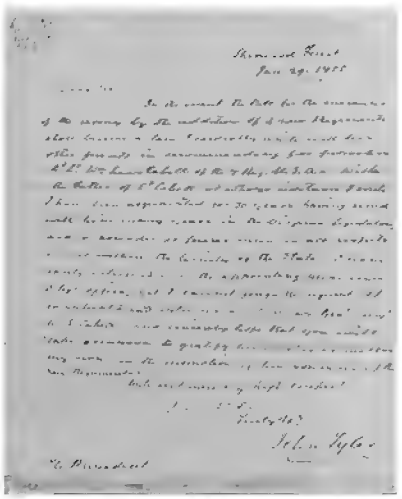




In one of his final acts as Chief Executive, John Tyler convenes the Senate to open the first session of the new year on March 4, 1845 – the Inauguration Day of his successor, President James K. Polk

127. TYLER, JOHN. 1790-1862. 10th President of the U.S. (1841-1845). **IMPORTANT LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT**, One page, Small Quarto, Washington, January 8, 1845. Addressed *"To the Senators of the United States respectively". "Sir. Objects interesting to the United States requiring that the Senate should be in Session on Tuesday the 4th of March next to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive, your attendance in the Senate chamber in this city on that day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, is accordingly requested. John Tyler"*

Although historians would deem his a failed presidency, John Tyler actually presided over two very important events in U.S. history: the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842, which fixed the long-disputed boundary between Main and New Brunswick; and the Annexation of Texas, which Tyler signed into law just three days before the end of his term (March 1, 1845). The election of James Polk, who had run primarily on a pro-Texas platform, convinced the Senate to fall into line with Annexation, and the Congress passed a joint resolution in favor of it in the last session of 1844. Quite literally a "President without a Party" after the resignation of his Cabinet *en masse* (save for Secretary of State Daniel Webster) in 1841, Tyler looked forward to retirement at his Sherwood Forest estate, some 30 miles outside of Richmond, Virginia, after attending the Inauguration of Polk on March 4, 1845. Mounting remnants on verso; otherwise, in good condition. (#) **$2,950**



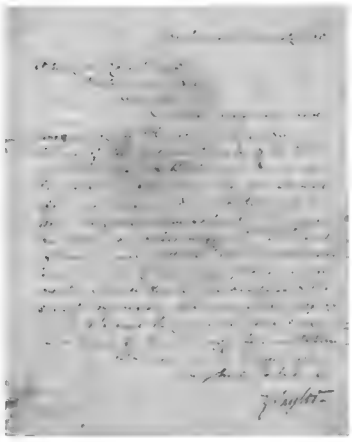
Former President John Tyler prevails upon President Franklin Pierce to grant a military promotion for Lt. William L. Cabell, who would later rise to the rank of general in the Confederate Army and serve with distinction during the Civil War

128. TYLER, JOHN. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, blue-tinted Quarto leaf, dated January 29, 1855 from Sherwood Forest. Written to President **Franklin Pierce**. Tyler pens (in large part):

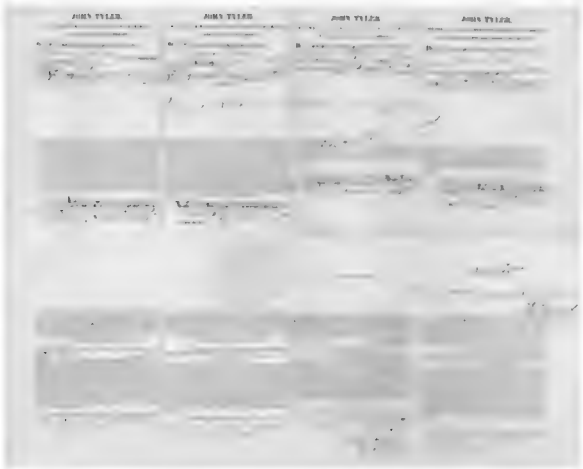
> *"Dear Sir; In the event the Bill for the encrease of the army by the addition of 4 new regiments shall become a law I cordially unite with his other friends in recommending for promotion 2d Lt. Wm. Lewis Cabell* [1827-1911] *of the 7 Reg. U.S.A. With the Father of Lt. Cabell at whose instance I write, I have been acquainted for 30 years having served with him many years in the Virginia Legislature, and a sounder or purer man in all respects is not within the Vicinity of the State. I have rarely interfered with the appointing power since I left office, yet I cannot forgo the request of so valuable and esteemed a citizen as Gen. Benj. W. S. Cabell and sincerely hope that you will take occasion to gratify his wishes as well as my own in the promotion of his son in one of the new Regiments… John Tyler"*

Benjamin W.S. Cabell was a veteran of the War of 1812, member of the Virginia Assembly, and a newspaper editor. His son William, to whom this letter refers, was an 1850 graduate of West Point, and had risen to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army by the time the Civil War broke out. He resigned his commission to join the Confederate Army, serving as a major on the staffs of Generals Beauregard and Joseph E. Johnston. Of particular note, Cabell aided Johnston and Beauregard in the design of the first Confederate battle flag. He was later transferred to the command of General Earl Van Dorn, under whom he was promoted to brigadier general. In February 1863 he was placed in command of all the forces in northwest Arkansas. After the war, he served as mayor of Dallas, Texas. [*DAB*]

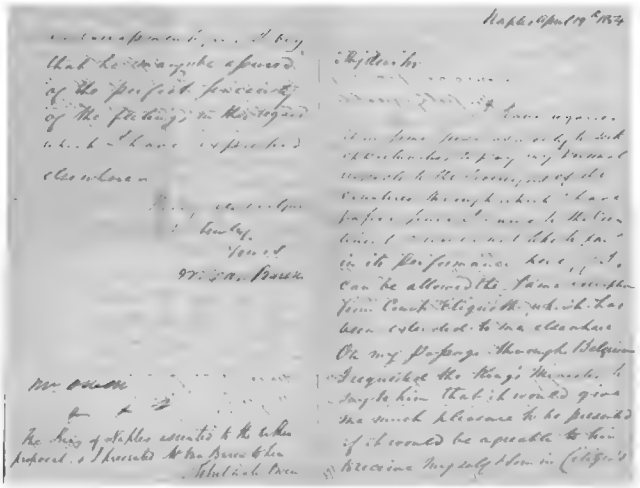
A superb handwritten letter of recommendation with great associations. In fine condition, with an exceptional signature. (#) **$1,500**



129. TYLER, JOHN. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED, One page, Quarto, on blue-tinted paper, dated April 17, 1850 from Sherwood Forest [Virginia]. Written to C.K. Williams. *"Your letter of the 6th April is before me and in reply I have to say that the letters in my profession from Mr. Monroe Genl. Jackson, Genl. Harrison and Mr. John Randolph relate to subjects which would forbid me from parting with them. Otherwise it would give me pleasure to meet your wishes. I have never had any correspondence with Mr. Van Buren. Most probably you might be more successful by addressing yourself to the friends and relatives of the first four named gentlemen and by a personal appreciation to the last. I am flattered by the reference made by your distinguished Father the Chief Justice of Vermont to his connexion with my family. Wishing you health happiness & success, John Tyler"*. Excellent associations. Reinforced edges, and some minor soiling; on the whole, in fine condition. (#) **$950**



130. TYLER, JOHN. WHALING DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Folio (approx. 20 1/8 in. x 16 in.), dated September 2, 1841. The document, a **Four Language Ships' Papers**, grants permission and leave to Archelaus Baker, Master or Commander of the Barque *Cora* bound for Pacific Ocean, laden with Provisions, Stores and Utensils for a whaling voyage. The document is printed in four languages: English, Dutch, French and Spanish. Ships' papers were required of all ships leaving American ports, and contained information on the cargoes of America's schooners, four-masters, and other sailing vessels. Countersigned by Secretary of State **Daniel Webster**. Intact white wafer Presidential seal affixed to center left. The document is archivally hinged to another leaf (easily removed). In very fine condition. The signature of Tyler is exceptional. (#) **$2,500**



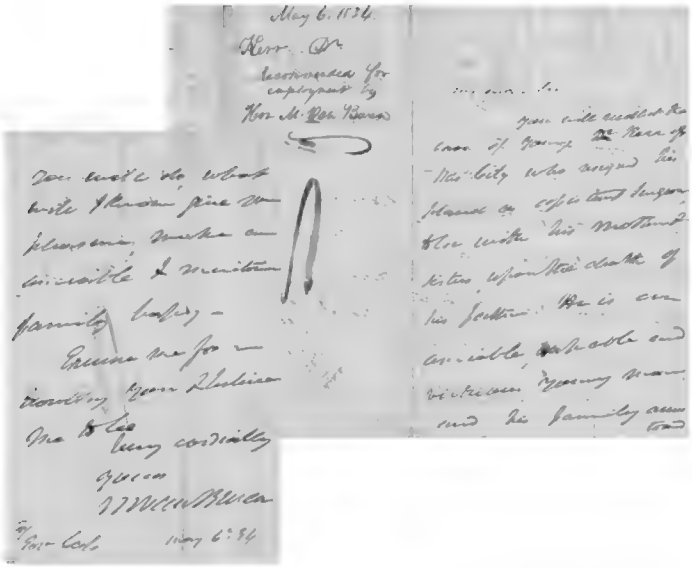
During his three year European tour, former President Martin Van Buren plans to visit the King of Naples as sentiments of reunification sweep through Italy

131. VAN BUREN, MARTIN. 1782-1862. 8th President of the U.S. (1837-1841) after serving as Vice-President (1833-37) under Andrew Jackson. **SUPERB LETTER SIGNED**, Three pages, Octavo, April 19, 1854 from Naples, Italy. Written to New York social reformer and author **Robert Dale Owen** (1801-1877), who at the time was serving as U.S. Minister to Naples (he had been appointed by Franklin Pierce). Among other notable works, Owen is responsible for introducing a bill in Congress during his term as Representative by which the Smithsonian Institution came into being. He has also added a post script and signature to this letter. Van Buren writes (in part):

> *"My dear Sir, I have regarded it in some sense as a duty to seek opportunities to pay my personal respects to the Sovereigns of the countries through which I have passed since I came to the continent & would not like to fail in its performance here…On my passage through Belgium I requested the Kings Minister to say to him that it would give me much pleasure to be presented if it would be agreeable to receive myself & son in Citizen's clothes…I will thank you to communicate informally at your perfect convenience, the Substance of this note to his Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs here…and ask him to take the directions of the King in the matter… M. Van Buren"*

> *"The King of Naples assented to the written proposal, & I presented Mr Van Buren to him. Robert Dale Owen"*

In a lengthy, 21-year retirement, Martin Van Buren found time to pursue leisurely activities for which he had no time during his ambitious political career. During the years 1853-55, he toured Europe where he had audiences with Queen Victoria and Pope Pius IX. It is from this period that this letter was written, and also when he began his autobiography. First published in 1920, the former president commented optimistically on the country he mentions in this letter: "considerable advances have been made by Sardinia towards the promotion of liberal principles in the administration of government in that monarchy, but," adding the caveat "this is a speck upon the political horizon of Europe". It was though the efforts of such nationalists as Garibaldi who, along with the popular support of the people, made the unification of Italy a reality in 1861. In fine condition. (#) **$2,950**



132. VAN BUREN, MARTIN. AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED AS VICE PRESIDENT under Andrew Jackson, Three and one-half pages, Octavo, dated May 6, 1834. Believed to be written to **Lewis Cass**. In part: *"You will recollect the case of your D. Kerr of this City who resigned his place as assistant Surgeon to be with his mother & sisters upon the death of his father. He is an amicable, capable and virtuous young man and his family... to comparative affluence are now in want, and greatly distressed by the consciousness that their brother's prospects have been sacrificed on their account. If you can give him any suitable employment, I would be very much gratified, and you will do what little I know give me pleasure make an amiable & meritorious family... Excuse me for troubling you & believe me to be Very cordially yours M. Van Buren"*. In very fine condition with clear, bright text and signature. (#) **$950**

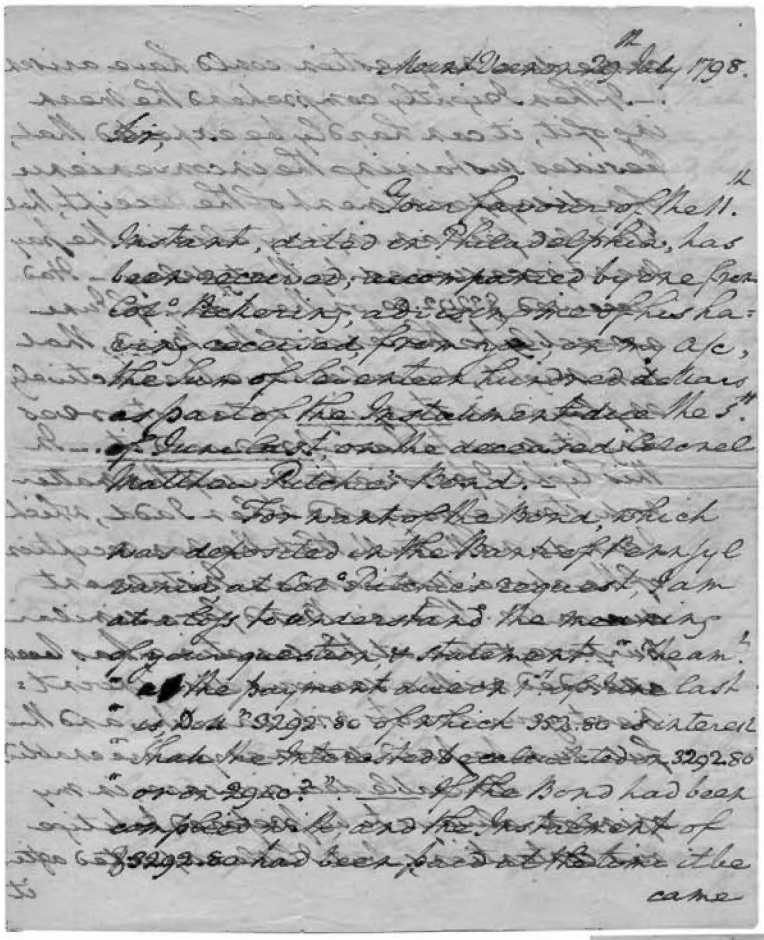
Having become embroiled in a land dispute, George Washington focuses all of his 66 years of wisdom towards finding an *"amicable"* solution without turning to the courts:

"Amicable decisions are, in my opinion, always to be preferred to litigious contentions"

133. WASHINGTON, GEORGE. 1732-1799. 1st President of the U.S. (1789-1797). **EXCEPTIONAL AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED**, Four pages, Quarto, dated July 29, 1798 from Mount Vernon. Written to a Mr. Alexander Addison, Esq. In large part:

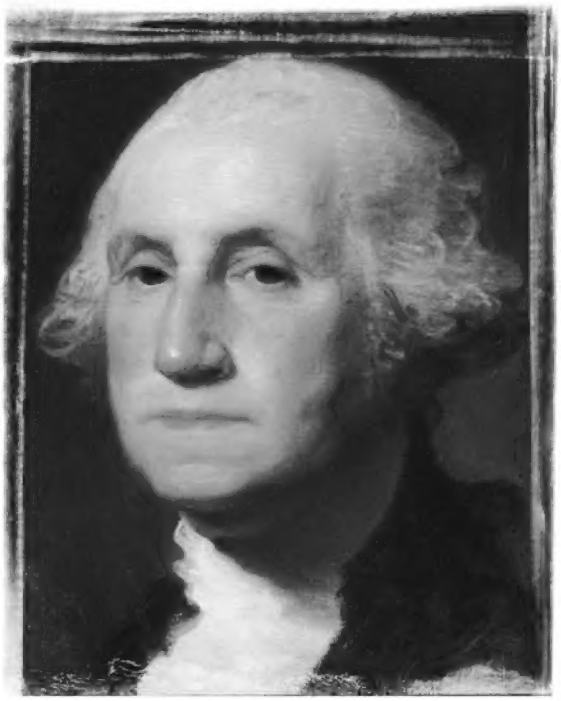
"Your favour of the 11th instant...advising me of his favor received from you, on my a/c, the Sum of Seventeen hundred dollars as part of the Installment due, the 5th of June last, on the deceased Colonel Mathew Ritchie's Bond. For want of the bond, which was deposited I the Bank of Pennsylvania at Col. Ritchie's request, I am at a loss to understand the meaning of your question & statement, 'The amt. Of the payment due on 1st of June last is Dollr. 3292.80 or on 2940?' – If the Bond had been complied with, and the Installment of $3292.80 had been paid at the time it became due no question could have arisen. If then I rightly comprehend the meaning of it, it can hardly be expected that, besides sustaining the inconvenience of a disappointment of the receipt, that I should feel an injury also in the payment, occasioned by that delay. Had I received $3292.80 on the 1st day of June agreeable to the tenor of the Bond, that sum might & would have been actively employed in stopping interest, Investing it so as to have produced it. In this light I persuade myself the matter will strike you, and when I add, which I can do with truth, that the non-reception of the above sum – and an Installment due on Colo. Shreve's Bond for a similar purpose, & due at the same time, has been attended with a serious disappointment, your doubts will vanish, and the full sum be paid, so soon as you are enabled. Amicable decisions are, in my opinion, always to be preferred to litigious contentions, but I little expected after it was agreed to fix the price of the land by a re-survey of its contents, and that the resurvey probably, was made with the knowledge, if not in the presence, of Mr. James Read that I should ever be called upon for a deduction of it thereafter. If I have a right understanding of the matter it is of little moment what Mr. Read's patent says if the words of mine are opposed to it, for I am much mistaken indeed if my Survey was not made, and Patent granted long before any others on Millers run – And I have a perfect recollection of the fact (when I viewed the land myself in Autumn of 1784) but not of the person's name, who I was told was then extending his clearing on my side of the line. More than probably, Read is the Man, & being in possession, claims it as a right ...I pray you to excuse this scrawl, as I write in much haste... Go: Washington".

A powerful letter of rebuke from the former president, as he attempts to resolve a land dispute in which he has become reluctantly entangled. His comments on finding a solution outside of the legal system only reinforce the notion that judicial process should be used as a last resort, and speaks volumes of how much it had already become an integral part of American life. Some bleed through of ink; o/w in very good condition with dark text and signature. (#23098) **$29,500**



July 1798.

Your Letter of the 11th Instant, dated at Philadelphia, has been received, accompanied by one from Col° Pickering, a Duplicate of which has only received from me, on my a/c, the sum of Seventeen hundred dollars as part of the Instalment due the 5th of June last on the deceased Colonel Matthew Pickering's Bond. For part of the Bond, which was deposited in the Bank of Pennsylvania at Col° Pickering's request, I am at a loss to understand the meaning of the question & statement "What is the payment due on J. Pickering's last Bond? $3292.80 of which 353.80 is interest. What the interest should be calculated on, 3292.80 or on 2940?" If the Bond had been complied with, and the Instalment of $3292.80 had been paid at the time it became



I am with Esteem Sir Your most obed. Hble Serv.

G. Washington

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
Président des Etats Unis d'Amérique.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President of the United States of America.

GEORGE WASHINGTON,
President van de Vereenigde Staaten van America.

By the President.
Edm: Randolph
Secretary of State.
Countersigned
John Lamb

134. WASHINGTON, GEORGE. THREE LANGUAGE SHIPS' PAPERS SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, 13 1/2 in. x 16 1/2 in., dated April 4, 1795, written in English, French and Dutch, giving leave and permission to *"Isaac Chaucey, master of commander of the ship called The Jenny, of the burthen Two hundred & five tons… lying at present at New York bound for France, and laden with Rum, Sugar, Coffee, Cotton, Oyl, Candles, Soap, Pepper… Hams, Tobacco, Turpentine, Indigo paint, sugar, corks, paper and Tea"*. Signed boldly in the center, *"Go: Washington"*, and countersigned by Secretary of State **Edmund Randolph**. Some soiling, minor chipping at lower left corner, and archival repair to folds (bisecting a small portion of Washington's signature). Intact white paper and wax seal at the center left; on the whole, in very good condition. Documents signed by Washington are scarce and highly desirable. (#) **$15,000**

JOHN WAYNE
9570 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400
Beverly Hills, California 90212
August 26, 1976

Mr. Marion Watson
P. O. Box 862
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036

Dear Mr. Watson:

There are very few members of our club that have Marion for a first name.

It was nice hearing from you, and the ranch may have possibilities but not for me. I have all I can handle. If I hear of anybody who might be interested, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

John Wayne
AKA
Marion Morrison

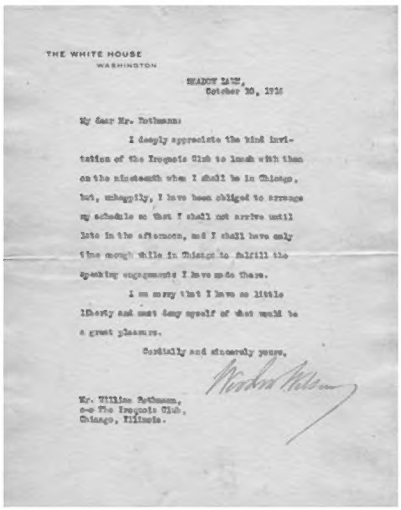
JW/pe

John Wayne letter signed both *"John Wayne"* and *"Marion Morrison"*

135. WAYNE, JOHN. 1907-1979. Hollywood screen legend. **TYPED LETTER SIGNED TWICE**, One page, Octavo, on personal letterhead stationery dated August 26, 1976. Written to an Oklahoma man who shared John Wayne's first given name, Marion. *"There are very few members of our club that have Marion for a first name. It was nice hearing from you, and the ranch may have possibilities but not for me."* Signed in bold black ink, *"John Wayne AKA Marion Morrison"*. Very uncommon for Wayne to sign both names on one leaf! In fine condition. Also includes the original transmittal envelope. (#23160) **$1,950**

136. WAYNE, JOHN. SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH, 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, a full-length image of Wayne as "Rooster Cogburn" wearing Western garb and carrying a rifle. Inscribed on the image in black ink, *"Al – Keep saving me. I like it around here, Duke – John Wayne"*. The inscribee is none other than celebrated horse trainer/wrangler Al Yank, whose career spanned several decades in Hollywood. Yank worked in over 30 films with John Wayne, as well as James Dean in "Giant", Elvis Presley, Clark Gable and numerous other stars. Lee Marvin, when accepting his Academy Award for "Cat Ballou", stated that half of his award belonged to a horse in the valley. The horse was trained to act drunk in the film by Al Yank. In very fine condition. (#23167) **$2,500**

137. WAYNE, JOHN AND KATHARINE HEPBURN. PHOTOGRAPH SIGNED BY BOTH, 8 in. x 10 in., b/w, from the film "Rooster Cogburn" Inscribed in black ink, *"Al – Another pleasure, Duke, 1974"* and *"For Al, Good Friend, Katharine"*. The inscribee is none other than celebrated horse trainer/wrangler Al Yank. In fine condition. (#23166) **$4,950**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SHADOW LAWN,
October 10, 1916

My dear Mr. Rothmann:

I deeply appreciate the kind invitation of the Iroquois Club to lunch with them on the nineteenth when I shall be in Chicago, but, unhappily, I have been obliged to arrange my schedule so that I shall not arrive until late in the afternoon, and I shall have only time enough while in Chicago to fulfill the speaking engagements I have made there.

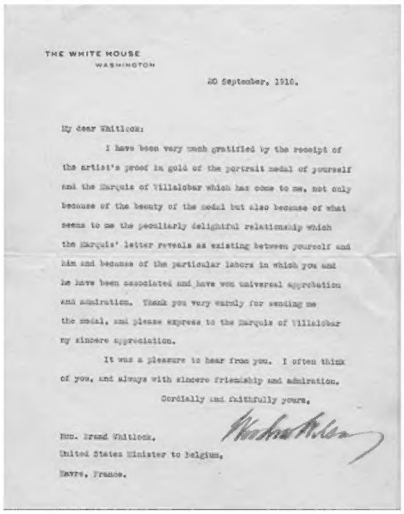
I am sorry that I have so little liberty and must deny myself of what would be a great pleasure.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Woodrow Wilson

Mr. William Rothmann,
c-o The Iroquois Club,
Chicago, Illinois.

138. WILSON, WOODROW. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT. 1856-1924. 28th President of the U.S. (1913-1921). One page, Quarto, on White House stationery, dated October 10, 1916. Written to Mr. William Rothmann c/o The Iroquois Club of Chicago, Illinois. *"My dear Mr. Rothmann: I deeply appreciate the kind invitation of the Iroquois Club to lunch with them on the nineteenth when I shall be in Chicago, but, unhappily, I have been obliged to arrange my schedule so that I shall not arrive until late in the afternoon, and I shall have only time enough while in Chicago to fulfill the speaking engagements I have made there. I am sorry that I have so little liberty and must deny myself of what would be a great pleasure. Cordially and sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson"*. In fine condition. (#) **$495**



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

20 September, 1918.

My dear Whitlock:

I have been very much gratified by the receipt of the artist's proof in gold of the portrait medal of yourself and the Marquis of Villalobar which has come to me, not only because of the beauty of the medal but also because of what seems to me the peculiarly delightful relationship which the Marquis' letter reveals as existing between yourself and him and because of the particular labors in which you and he have been associated and have won universal approbation and admiration. Thank you very warmly for sending me the medal, and please express to the Marquis of Villalobar my sincere appreciation.

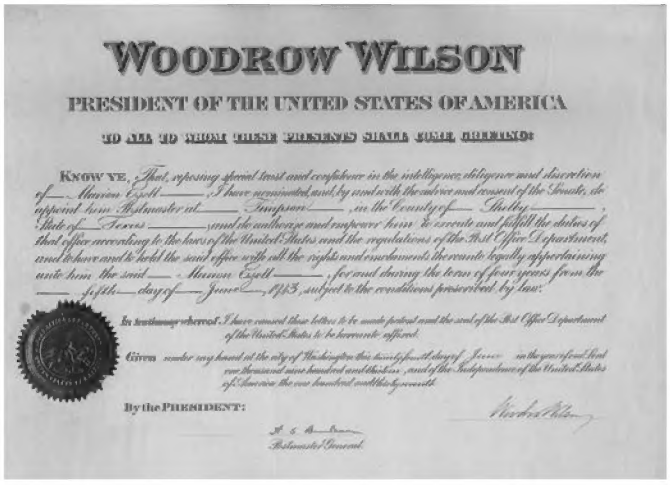
It was a pleasure to hear from you. I often think of you, and always with sincere friendship and admiration.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

Hon. Brand Whitlock,
United States Minister to Belgium,
Havre, France.

Pres. Wilson receives a WWI commemorative medal from his foreign emissary in war-ravaged Belgium

139. WILSON, WOODROW. TYPED LETTER SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, One page, Quarto, dated September 20, 1918, on White House stationery, written to Hon. Brand Whitlock the United States Minister to Belgium. Wilson writes (in large part): *"My dear Whitlock: I have been very much gratified by the receipt of the artist's proof in gold of the portrait medal of yourself and the Marquis of Villalobar which has come to me, not only because of the beauty of the medal but also because of what seems to me the peculiarly delightful relationship which the Marquis' letter reveals as existing between yourself and him and because of the particular labors in which you and he have been associated and have won universal approbation and admiration. Thank you very warmly for sending me the medal, and please express to the Marquis of Villalobar my sincere appreciation... Woodrow Wilson"*. In fine condition. (#) **$950**



WOODROW WILSON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the intelligence, diligence and discretion of Marion Esell, I have nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Postmaster at Timpson, in the County of Shelby, State of Texas, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to the laws of the United States and the regulations of the Post Office Department, and to have and to hold the said office with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining unto him the said Marion Esell, for and during the term of four years from the fifth day of June, 1913, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

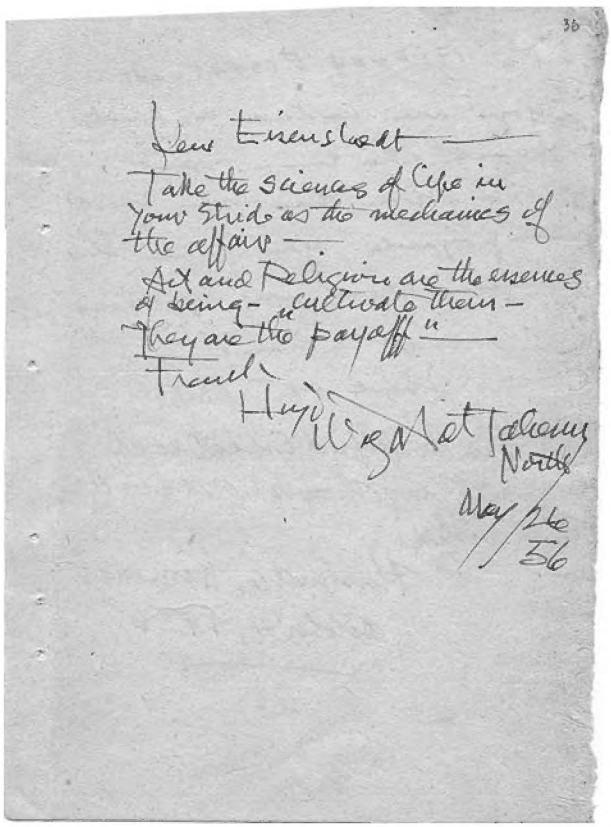
In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the Post Office Department of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the city of Washington this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-seventh.

By the PRESIDENT:

Postmaster General.

140. WILSON, WOODROW. MAGNIFICENT DOCUMENT SIGNED AS PRESIDENT, approx. 18 1/2 in. x 14 in., dated June 24, 1913, appointing Marion Esell to the position of Postmaster at Timpson, Shelby County, Texas. Signed at the lower right *"Woodrow Wilson"*, and countersigned by Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson (also of Texas), who is perhaps best remembered for his efforts to keep postal workers from unionizing. Tipped to another leaf. In very fine condition, with original gold Post Office Department seal intact at the lower left, with only minor chipping. (#) **$495**



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Dear Eisenstadt —
Take the sciences of life in your studies as the mechanics of the affair —
Art and Religion are the essences of being — cultivate them — they are the payoff —
Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin North
May 26 56

"Art and Religion are the essences of being – cultivate them – they are the payoff"

141. WRIGHT, FRANK LLOYD. 1869-1959. American architect. **AUTOGRAPH STATEMENT SIGNED**, penned on a single Quarto leaf, dated May 26, 1956 from *"Taliesin North"*, to *Life* magazine photojournalist **Alfred Eisenstaedt**. *"Take the sciences of life in your studies as the mechanics of the affair. Art and Religion are the essences of being – cultivate them – they are the 'payoff'. From Frank Lloyd Wright"*. Original binding holes along left edge; overall, in fine condition. [*Note*: verso bears additional ANS by WWII Gen. Husband E. Kimmel.] (#) **$2,950**